

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's rivers and waterways serve as gateways to outdoor adventure and are important to our state's cultural and economic development; and

WHEREAS; these rivers and waterways are some of our state's most valuable natural resources, serving as important habitats for wildlife while also providing tourism, recreation, and commercial opportunities for visitors and local residents, alike; and

WHEREAS; throughout the year, millions of people explore and enjoy the lakes, streams, and flowages located near our state's dams, and are especially drawn to the waterways during the spring and summer recreation seasons; and

WHEREAS; dams are used to harness renewable energy resources from our rivers and waterways and manage the flow of water, but we recognize that they might also present safety concerns for those who access or use these waters; and

WHEREAS; every year, people across the United States are killed or seriously injured by tragic accidents at or near dams, and most of these accidents could be prevented by practicing dam safety, as well as learning about and respecting the dangers associated with dams; and

WHEREAS; individuals can practice personal safety around dams by obeying warning signs and staying away from restricted areas, respecting safety barriers, heeding horns or sirens, being alert to rapidly changing water conditions, practicing safe boating, wearing a personal flotation device, and exercising caution when swimming, wading, and walking near a dam; and

WHEREAS; today, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in encouraging all Wisconsinites to practice dam safety when utilizing our state's rivers and waterways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim May 7, 2022, as

## **WISCONSIN DAM SAFETY AWARENESS DAY**

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State