

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's rivers and waterways are important to our state's cultural and economic development; and

WHEREAS; these waterways are some of our state's most valuable natural resources, serving as habitats for wildlife and supporting tourism, recreation, and commercial and local interests; and

WHEREAS; from Memorial Day through Labor Day, millions of Wisconsinites and visitors explore and enjoy the lakes, streams, and flowages near our state's dams; 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 our nation are killed or seriously injured by tragic accidents at or near dams, and most of these accidents could be prevented by staying away from restricted areas and learning about the dangers associated with dams; and

WHEREAS; individuals can practice dam safety 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 and canoeing, 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' dam safety program, in partnership with the Midwest Hydro Users Group, 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 31, 2021, as

NATIONAL 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 12th day of May 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State