WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites are vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters, and everyone needs to be prepared to respond to these disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS; the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin has required many communities to examine how they plan for emergency responses, underscoring the importance of being prepared; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Emergency Management’s ReadyWisconsin program provides people and communities with the tools they need to be prepared; and

WHEREAS; coordinated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security each September, Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort to raise public awareness about the importance of planning for all types of disasters that may impact homes, businesses, and schools; and

WHEREAS; this year’s theme – “Disasters Don’t Wait. Make Your Plan Today.” – serves as a reminder that planning is a key part of being ready; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsin Emergency Management in encouraging folks throughout our state to put together a disaster kit, make a family disaster plan, and learn how to stay informed about potential threats;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

together 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 20th day of August 2020.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State