

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**

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State