

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites are vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters, and everyone needs to be prepared to respond to these disasters and emergencies at a moment's notice; and

WHEREAS; tornadoes, thunderstorms, severe winter weather, extreme temperatures, electricity blackouts, wildfires, hazardous material releases, and pandemics are among just some of the threats that folks across our state should know how to respond to; and

WHEREAS; as the threat of climate change continues to drive increasingly extreme weather events and more frequent natural disasters, being prepared for an emergency event has never been more important; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin Emergency Management's ReadyWisconsin program provides everyone with the tools they need to be prepared, including the Student Tools for Emergency Planning (STEP) program offered in fourth and fifth grade classrooms throughout our state; and

WHEREAS; coordinated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency 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, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsin Emergency Management in encouraging all schools to offer the STEP program and all individuals and families 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 2021 as

## **PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

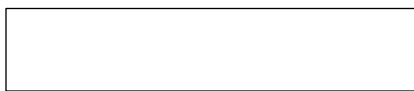
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance  
to all our state's residents.

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 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State