

WHEREAS; all Wisconsinites are vulnerable to natural and man-made threats, and it is in everyone's best interest to be prepared to respond to disasters and emergencies at a moment's notice; and

WHEREAS; tornadoes, thunderstorms, severe winter weather, extreme temperatures, electricity blackouts, wildfires, hazardous material releases, pandemics, and even cyber attacks are just some of the threats that folks across our state should be prepared for; and

WHEREAS; as the threat of climate change continues to drive increasingly extreme weather events and more frequent natural disasters, being aware of potential threats, having multiple ways to receive warnings, and being equipped with a disaster kit and emergency plan has never been more important; and

WHEREAS; individuals, communities, organizations, and all levels of government must work together to prepare for and protect against all threats, and Wisconsin Emergency Management's (WEM) ReadyWisconsin campaign provides all Wisconsinites with the tools they need to be informed, make a plan, and take action; and

WHEREAS; preparedness starts at a young age, which is why ReadyWisconsin's Student Tools for Emergency Planning—or STEP—program encourages fourth and fifth grade students around our state to make action plans with their families and learn how to respond in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS; Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort coordinated each September by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency to raise public awareness about the importance of planning for all types of disasters that may impact homes, businesses, schools, and communities, and the theme of this year's campaign is "A Lasting Legacy"; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins WEM in encouraging all schools to offer the STEP program and all individuals and families to put together a disaster kit, make a 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 2022 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State