

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state, and we recognize that fire presents a serious public safety concern both within our state and beyond; and

WHEREAS; we also recognize that folks are at the greatest risk from fire in their homes, with fire departments responding to nearly 340,000 home fires, and with home fires claiming the lives of more than 2,770 people, across the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS; working smoke alarms can cut the risk of a home fire fatality in half, and households that have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week—"Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety"—serves as a reminder of the importance of learning the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites should ensure that all members of their household are familiar with the sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and understand how to respond, and should further ensure that emergency alarms meet the needs of all household members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends the first responders who are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries and fatalities, and encourages all Wisconsinites to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 3 through 9, 2021, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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 30th day of September 2021.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State