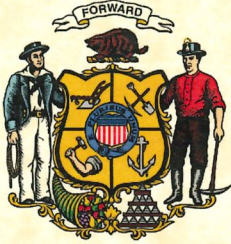


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*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; and

*WHEREAS*; we also recognize that folks are at the greatest risk from fire in their homes, with home fires claiming the lives of 2,630 people across the United States in 2017; and

*WHEREAS*; as communities across our state work to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, many folks may find themselves spending more time at home, which means that reviewing and adhering to household fire safety practices has never been more important; and

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

*WHEREAS*; two out of every five home fires start in the kitchen, making cooking the leading cause of home fires in the country; and

*WHEREAS*; the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week – "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" – serves as a reminder to stay alert and exercise caution when cooking to reduce the risk of a kitchen fire; 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 encourages all Wisconsinites to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes and kitchens;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2020, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
October 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tony Evers".  
TONY EVERS  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Douglas La Follette".  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State