

WHEREAS; the state of Wisconsin is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS; fire presents a serious public safety concern, and people are at the greatest risk from fire in their own homes; and

WHEREAS; fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires in 2020 alone, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and those fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths; 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 in the event of a home fire; 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 make sure that emergency alarms meet the needs of all household members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week—"Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™"—serves as a reminder of the importance of each home having a planned and practiced home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends first responders across the state who are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries and fatalities through prevention and protection education, 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 9 through 15 2022 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 23rd day of September 2022.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State