

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; winter in Wisconsin can result in severe hazards to the health and well-being of residents, which is why weatherization—the process of protecting buildings and households from the winter elements—is critically important; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's low-income households are disproportionately affected by the adverse effects of climate change, which include extreme temperatures during the winter, and are similarly affected the most by rising energy costs; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Weatherization Assistance Program, part of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program, works to reduce energy consumption and expenditures, as well as reduce the emission of greenhouse gases, by providing vital weather-related upgrades such as insulation, air sealing, high-efficiency heating systems, and energy-efficient appliances to eligible low-income households; and

WHEREAS; according to the DOE, the average family saves \$283 per year in energy costs through weatherization, and households that have been weatherized experience health and safety benefits that include improved air quality, a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions, and the addition of smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors if they were not already present; and

WHEREAS; weatherization is a cost-effective investment of taxpayer dollars, with every dollar invested in the Weatherization Assistance Program returning over four dollars in energy, health, and safety benefits; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Weatherization Assistance Program provides an economic boost for the communities it serves by producing more energy-efficient housing stock and improved neighborhood conditions, and it plays a role in creating employment opportunities to support a clean-energy economy and workforce; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's first-ever Clean Energy Plan, released earlier this year, also aims to reduce emissions and energy costs for Wisconsin residents, including by investing in and supporting the state's Focus on Energy program, which works to eliminate energy waste; and

WHEREAS; in addition to supporting weatherization efforts, the state has also made additional investments in the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program and the Keep Wisconsin Warm/Cool Fund to ensure that, despite rising energy costs, no one has to choose between keeping their homes warm and their families fed this winter season; and


WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Weatherization Assistance Program in reaffirming its commitment to pursuing cost-effective energy efficiency practices, helping to make low-income communities more resilient to the effects of climate change, and improving the quality of life for all Wisconsinites year-round, regardless of income or ZIP code;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 30, 2022, as

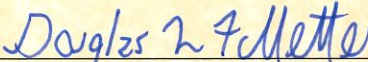
WEATHERIZATION DAY

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 11th day of October 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State

