## STATE of WISCONSIN



## Proclamation

WHEREAS; winter in Wisconsin can result in serious hazards to the health and well-being of our state's residents, as freezing temperatures and winter storms expose Wisconsinites to the risk of death or injury as a result of overexertion, hypothermia, frostbite, or carbon monoxide poisoning, as well as the possibility of traffic and recreational accidents; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsinites throughout the state experienced dangerously cold temperatures last winter, brought on by a polar vortex; and

WHEREAS; snow, ice, and slush on Wisconsin roads contributes to nearly 18,000 traffic crashes each year, resulting in the deaths of an average of 46 people and injury of 4,200 people in the state each winter season; and

WHEREAS; winter storms can pose a serious threat to safe travel and cause extensive damage to the infrastructure of our state; and

WHEREAS; the hard work and dedication of our state's snowplow operators to clear streets and highways helps to keep our state's residents safe and our economy operating during the winter months; and

WHEREAS; educating the public about the dangers of winter and encouraging responsible planning and preparation for winter weather can help minimize the risks Wisconsinites face during the winter months;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 4 – 8, 2019, as

## WINTER AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our citizens.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2019.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State