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WHEREAS; severe winter weather and extreme cold can pose a serious threat to the health and safety of all Wisconsinites due to hazards that include overexertion, hypothermia, frostbite, falls, traffic crashes, and carbon monoxide poisoning, which can result in injury or even death; and

WHEREAS; there were 91 cold-related deaths and more than 2,200 emergency department visits for cold-related illnesses across the state of Wisconsin last winter, as well as thousands of motor vehicle crashes attributed to winter road conditions, resulting in 38 fatalities and 3,136 injuries; and

WHEREAS; winter storms and weather conditions can also result in significant damage to private property and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS; the hard work of snowplow operators to clear streets and highways is essential to keeping Wisconsin residents safe and the economy operating throughout the winter months, along with the efforts of the National Weather Service and meteorologists across the state who keep Wisconsinites informed and prepared for winter storms and extreme cold conditions; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins Wisconsin Emergency Management's Ready Wisconsin campaign, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, and other state and local agencies in reminding all Wisconsinites that education, planning, preparation, and taking reasonable precautions can help minimize the damaging or potentially fatal effects of winter weather and any possible hazards that might be encountered;

> NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 14 - 18, 2022, as

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



By the Governor:

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 14th day of October 2022.

> TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

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