WHEREAS; severe winter weather and 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; an average of 41 people have been killed, and more than 3,950 have been injured, each winter season between 2016 and 2020 in nearly 18,000 motor vehicle crashes when roads were covered in ice, snow, or slush; and

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

WHEREAS; the hard work and dedication of our state’s snowplow operators to clear our streets and highways is essential to keeping our state’s residents safe and our economy operating throughout the winter months; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin reminds 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 15 through 19, 2021, as WINTER AWARENESS 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 29th day of October 2021.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE, Secretary of State