## STATE of WISCONSIN



Proclamation

WHEREAS; extreme heat and humidity can result in emergencies of great concern and threaten the health and safety of folks across Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; extreme heat disproportionately affects our state's most vulnerable populations, including children, older adults, people of color, individuals experiencing homelessness, low-income individuals, and those with heart and respiratory diseases; and

WHEREAS; summer heatwaves have caused hundreds of deaths in Wisconsin over the past 50 years; and

WHEREAS; hundreds of heat-related injuries, and a preliminary total of seven heat-related deaths, were reported throughout our state in 2020; and

WHEREAS; it is important that people learn to recognize the signs of heat-related illnesses, such as heat stroke and heat exhaustion, and know when to take action to protect themselves and others; and

WHEREAS; it is also important that people understand the danger of leaving children or pets in parked vehicles when temperatures rise; and

WHEREAS; as we move into the summer months and the days get warmer, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs' Division of Emergency Management in spreading awareness of the serious dangers of heat waves, and reminds all Wisconsinites to take preventative steps to protect against heat-related injury or death;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2021, as

## **HEAT AWARENESS 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

TONY EVERS GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State