EXECUTIVE ORDER #170
Relating to Declaring a Period of Abnormal Economic Disruption and Prohibiting Price Gouging of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

WHEREAS, national factors including increasing oil demand, limited global supply, and low refinery capacity have contributed to significant price increases across the country, including Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, the convergence of certain international developments, including bans resulting from Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and increased demand due to the removal of travel restrictions in foreign nations, have contributed to price increases for consumers;

WHEREAS, while Wisconsin’s economy continues to rebound from the coronavirus pandemic, Wisconsin drivers are enduring record-high costs at the gas pump for both gasoline and diesel fuel;

WHEREAS, these record costs are affecting Wisconsinites getting to work and school, small businesses that are already facing challenges getting supplies and resources, rural communities, our farmers and agricultural industries getting products to market, and have the potential to impede summer travel and tourism, as well as other industries vital to Wisconsin’s statewide economy, and has the potential to impede upon summer travel season;

WHEREAS, as the state of Wisconsin continues to pursue necessary federal action to address the demand for and prices of gasoline and diesel fuel, we must protect consumers from predatory practices and price gouging on gasoline and diesel fuel; and

WHEREAS, this order declares that sellers of gasoline and diesel fuel shall not exploit Wisconsin drivers during this time of unprecedented gasoline and diesel costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State, including Section 100.305 of the Wisconsin Statutes, hereby:

1. Certify that a period of abnormal economic disruption exists in the state of Wisconsin due to a disruption of energy supplies to a degree that poses a serious risk to the economic well-being of Wisconsin, both at the individual consumer level and to our essential tourism industry;

2. Prohibit sellers from selling, or offering to sell, in this state at wholesale or retail, diesel or gasoline at unreasonably excessive prices as detailed in Chapter ATCP 106 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and as made enforceable under Section 100.305(4m) of the Wisconsin Statutes;
3. Section 100.30 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter ATCP 105 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code remain in full force and effect; and

4. Declare that this order expires after December 31, 2022.

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 twenty-first day of June in the year of two thousand twenty-two.

TONY EVERS
Governor

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State