

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the increased presence of lithium-ion batteries in common household devices introduces a unique fire risk; and

WHEREAS; most of the electronics used in homes, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which, if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS; as increased rates of battery-related fires occur, individuals should follow safe battery protocols, including avoiding overcharging, curbing use of off-brand chargers that lack safety certifications, minimizing potential damage to batteries, and safely disposing of and recycling batteries after use; and

WHEREAS; the theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Safe Charging is a Superpower," focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion fires and keep homes and communities safer; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin commends first responders across the state who are dedicated to reducing home fires, home fire injuries, and fire fatalities through prevention and protection education, and encourages all Wisconsinites to take steps to improve their fire safety practices, especially in their homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2026, as

FIRE PREVENTION 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 10th day
of September 2026.

Tony Evers
TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski
SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State