

# The State of Wisconsin



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, floods can happen anytime, anywhere and without warning; and

**WHEREAS**, flooding creates emergencies of great concern to the State of Wisconsin, with imminent threat to life and property and causes hundreds of millions of dollars in damages to homes, businesses, and local government infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin has received seven presidential disaster declarations for flooding since 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin has suffered two major flooding events in 2007 and 2008 causing hundreds of millions of dollars in damages and destroying or damaging hundreds of homes and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, damage from a flood is not normally covered under a standard homeowners policy; and

**WHEREAS**, residents need to review their homeowners policy and consider their risks for flooding and the need for flood insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, this spring will bring melting snow and seasonal rainfall, which can bring the potential for flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has named March 16-20, 2009 as National Flood Safety Awareness Week; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of the State of Wisconsin and our communities can be seriously affected by flooding, and it is essential that we increase awareness of the dangers of flood hazards and the protective actions which can be taken by citizens;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim **March 16-20, 2009** to be

### **FLOOD SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN WISCONSIN.**

and I commend this observance to all citizens.

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 twelfth day of February in the year two thousand nine.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Doyle', written over a horizontal line.

JIM DOYLE

By the Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Douglas La Follette', written over a horizontal line.

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE

Secretary of State