



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, winter poses a serious threat to the lives of Wisconsin citizens, causing death or injury through overexertion, hypothermia, frostbite, traffic and recreational accidents, carbon monoxide poisoning, and other related causes; and

WHEREAS, winter storms and weather conditions cause more total damage in the State of Wisconsin than any other form of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to inform and educate Wisconsin citizens concerning the significant effects of winter, possible hazards that might be encountered, and winter safety; and

WHEREAS, through education, planning, preparation and taking reasonable precautions, the people of Wisconsin can minimize the potentially fatal or damaging effects of winter; and

WHEREAS, ice and snow on highways present special hazards to motor vehicle occupants, children in school buses, and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy relies on the hard work and dedication of the state's snowplow operators to clear streets and highways, which are essential to keeping Wisconsin open for business; and

WHEREAS, many southern Wisconsin locations experienced all-time, record-breaking snowfall totals of 75 to 122 inches during the 2007-08 winter season (200-240% of normal), including 101.4 inches in Madison; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin experienced at least 19 winter storms during the 2008-09 winter season, with four of them producing a dangerous mixture of freezing rain, sleet and snow; and

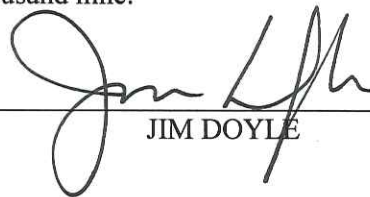
WHEREAS, Wisconsin experienced several days during the 2008-09 winter season with temperatures below zero at least in some part of the state, and many locations dropping to -25 to -40 below zero during the period of January 13-17, 2009,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 9-13, 2009 as

WINTER 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 first day of October in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor


DOUGLAS FOLLETTE
Secretary of State