The State of Wisconsin

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every region of Wisconsin is vulnerable to disasters of some type, including natural and man-made; and

WHEREAS, a recent poll found that only 20% of Wisconsin citizens are considered "Ready" for a disaster, meaning they have a disaster supplies kit, a communication plan and are prepared to respond to disasters and everyday emergencies; and

WHEREAS, experience tells us that by preparing ahead of time, people can better respond to, recover from and lessen physical, emotional and financial impacts of a disaster or other emergency; and

WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin promotes the ReadyWisconsin campaign to provide citizens and communities with the tools they need to get prepared; and

WHEREAS, it is easy for anyone to prepare for a disaster and other emergencies by taking three simple steps - Plan, Prepare and Volunteer; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security each September to raise public awareness about the importance of planning for all types of disasters and to encourage Americans to take action to prepare for disasters and emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are a critical component of disaster planning, response and recovery, and citizens are encouraged to join local disaster response agencies and lend a hand;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim September 2010 as

WISCONSIN PREPAREDNESS MONTH

and as we celebrate Wisconsin Preparedness Month, I encourage residents of the State of Wisconsin to get ready by putting together a disaster kit, making a family disaster plan, being informed about the threat of disasters and emergencies in our state and volunteering with disaster response agencies.

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 fourth day of August in the year two thousand ten.

JIM DOYLE

By the Govern

DOUGLAS L FOLLETT
Secretary of State