

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamations

WHEREAS, the safety of farm and other agricultural workers is of utmost importance to the government of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, grain production, handling, and transportation is a significant part of the agricultural industry in the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, in the case of grain elevator workers, it takes only seconds to be completely trapped in flowing grain or overcome in oxygen deficient situations; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, 24 documented grain entrapments resulting in 14 deaths across the country and, in Wisconsin, there was only one accident with no fatalities; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is an annual observance for the third full week of February to promote grain bin safety on farms and commercial grain-handling facilities; and

WHEREAS, Grain Bin Safety Week is a collaborative effort by insurance industry leaders and agricultural professionals to raise awareness of a potential safety issue; and

WHEREAS, through education and awareness of hazards and safe work practices and procedures, industry leaders hope to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths associated with grain handling and storage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim February 19 – 25, 2017 as

GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



By the Governor:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have
herunto 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 24th day of January 2017.


SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State