

# STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

## Proclamation

*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;

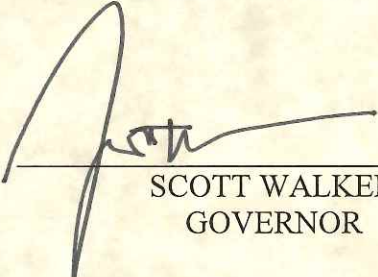
*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim February 19 – 25, 2017 as

### GRAIN BIN SAFETY WEEK

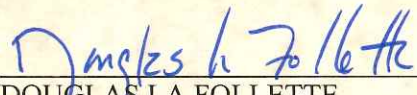
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017.

  
SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

  
DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State