



**EXECUTIVE ORDER #84**

**Relating to a Special Session of the Legislature on the Use of Force by Law Enforcement**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, officers killed Breonna Taylor when executing a no-knock search warrant;

**WHEREAS**, on May 25, 2020, law enforcement officers killed George Floyd in the street;

**WHEREAS**, Breonna Taylor and George Floyd were preceded in death by Black Wisconsinites killed by law enforcement including Tony Robinson, Dontre Hamilton, Ernest Lacy, and Sylville Smith – all examples of Black lives extinguished as a result of systemic injustice and racism;

**WHEREAS**, just yesterday, Jacob Blake, a Black man, was shot in the back multiple times by law enforcement, in broad daylight, in Kenosha, Wisconsin;

**WHEREAS**, people across Wisconsin demand justice, equity, and accountability for Black lives in our country;

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsinites have taken a stand, expressing justified and shared frustration and anger about systemic injustices in our criminal justice system, including calling for reforms to end the excessive use of force and immediate escalation when engaging with Black Wisconsinites;

**WHEREAS**, the United States leads the developed world in officer-involved deaths, with more than 1,000 Americans fatally shot by police in 2019;

**WHEREAS**, on June 19, 2020, I called upon the Wisconsin State Legislature to pass policing accountability and transparency reform measures, including LRB-6273, LRB-6274, LRB-6275, LRB-6276, LRB-6277, LRB-6281, LRB-6283, LRB-6289, and LRB-6292, indicating I would call the Legislature into special session to act if no legislative action was taken on these measures; and

**WHEREAS**, no legislative action has been taken to respond to the people of Wisconsin who are demanding action, accountability, transparency, equity, and justice for Black Wisconsinites in our state;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TONY EVERS**, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, specifically Article IV, Section 11 and Article V, Section 4 of the Wisconsin Constitution, hereby require the convening of a special session of the Legislature at the Capitol in the City of Madison, to commence at 12:00 pm on August 31, 2020, solely to consider and act upon the following:

1. LRB-6273/1 and LRB-6424/1, relating to law enforcement agency policies on the use of force.
2. LRB-6274/2 and LRB-6425/1, relating to law enforcement training on use of force options.
3. LRB-6275/1 and LRB-6426/1, relating to a violence interruption grant program and making an appropriation.
4. LRB-6276/1 and LRB-6427/1, relating to prohibiting use of choke holds by law enforcement officers in use of force policies.
5. LRB-6277/1 and LRB-6428/1, relating to public access to policies regarding the use of force by law enforcement.
6. LRB-6281/1 and LRB-6429/1, relating to unnecessarily summoning a police officer and creating a civil cause of action.
7. LRB-6283/2 and LRB-6430/1, relating to reporting of law enforcement use of force incidents.
8. LRB-6289/1 and LRB-6431/1, relating to prohibiting no-knock search warrants.
9. LRB-6292/2 and LRB-6432/1, relating to the responsibilities of the Law Enforcement Standards Board and disclosure of employment files when recruiting former or current officers.



**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done in the City of Madison this twenty-fourth day of August in the year of two thousand twenty.

*Tony Evers*

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TONY EVERS  
Governor

By the Governor:

*Douglas La Follette*

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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State