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AN ACT *to create* 895.225 of the statutes; **relating to:** designating Fire Prevention Week and Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 **SECTION 1.** 895.225 of the statutes is created to read:
- 2 **895.225 Fire Prevention Week. (1)** The week in October during which
- 3 October 8 falls is designated Fire Prevention Week and the Saturday of the preceding
- 4 week is designated Wisconsin Firefighters Memorial Day. In conjunction with the
- 5 week, appropriate observances, ceremonies, exercises, and activities may be held
- 6 under state auspices to do all of the following:
- 7 (a) Commemorate 2 of the most devastating fires in U.S. history, both of which
- 8 started on October 8, 1871, the Peshtigo fire and the Chicago fire.

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1 (b) Study fire safety tips to help avoid home fires.

2 (c) Recognize that well-trained, dedicated, and well-equipped fire
3 departments are important to all of the residents of this state.

4 (d) Recognize that thousands of state firefighters, both full-time and volunteer,
5 dedicate themselves to protecting lives and property.

6 (e) Express the gratitude of the residents of this state for the valuable
7 contributions that firefighters have made to the other residents of this state.

8 (f) Honor those contributions and memorialize the firefighters of this state who
9 have died while performing their duties.

10 **(2)** The chief officials of local governments and the people of the state are
11 invited either to join and participate in the observances, ceremonies, exercises, and
12 activities under sub. (1) which may be held under state auspices or to conduct similar
13 observances in their respective localities.

14 (END)