

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin experiences a disastrous number of deaths and injuries on its highways during holiday weekends; and

WHEREAS, the greatest number of deaths and injuries have in the past occurred on Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends; and

WHEREAS, although Wisconsin's fatality count is appreciably lower than a year ago because of reduced speed limits, increased availability of gasoline will result in record numbers of motorists on Wisconsin highways during these periods; and

WHEREAS, an unconscionable number of citizens will be killed or injured on Wisconsin highways during the summer holidays unless all available resources are utilized to support the highway safety effort;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK J. LUCEY, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby declare a

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to exist in Wisconsin starting at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 1974, until the extreme danger to safety on Wisconsin highways is abated, and urge all motorists traveling on Wisconsin highways to exercise extreme caution during this period to assist in reducing highway accidents.

FURTHER, under the authority contained in Section 21.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes, I hereby order into state service sufficient men and equipment of the Wisconsin National Guard as are necessary to assist the members of the Wisconsin State Traffic Patrol in the performance of their duties during the critical danger periods of the summer of 1974.

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 first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four.

Patrick J. Lucey
PATRICK J. LUCEY
GOVERNOR



By the Governor:

[Signature]
Secretary of State