



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2003 Wisconsin Act 56
[2003 Assembly Bill 31]

**Designating Fire Prevention Week
and Firefighters Memorial Day**

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2003 Wisconsin Act 56 designates the week of October during which October 8 falls as Fire Prevention Week and designates the Saturday that precedes the week of October 8 as Wisconsin Firefighters' Memorial Day.

The Act provides that appropriate observances, ceremonies, exercises, and activities may be held under state auspices to do the following:

- (a) Commemorate 2 of the most devastating fires in U.S. history, both of which started on October 8, 1871, the Peshtigo fire and the Chicago fire.
- (b) Study fire safety tips to help avoid home fires.
- (c) Recognize that well-trained, dedicated, and well-equipped fire departments are important to all of the residents of this state.
- (d) Recognize that thousands of state firefighters, both full-time and volunteer, dedicate themselves to protecting lives and property.
- (e) Express the gratitude of the residents of this state for the valuable contributions that firefighters have made to the other residents of this state.
- (f) Honor those contributions and memorialize the firefighters of this state who have died while performing their duties.

Finally, the act invites local government officials and the people of Wisconsin to participate in the aforementioned observances, ceremonies, exercises, and activities in their respective localities.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on October 18, 2003.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents.