

Democratic Governors Association: Gov. Tony Evers calls special session to create opportunity for Wisconsinites to repeal 1849 abortion ban

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Today, Gov. Tony Evers signed an [executive order](#) to call a special session in the Wisconsin State Legislature to create a pathway for voters to repeal the state's outdated and extreme ban on abortion without exceptions.

Gov. Evers' action allows for the opportunity to overturn the criminal abortion ban and reinstate Wisconsinites' access to safe, legal abortion, which the majority of Wisconsinites support.

“On the ceiling of the Governor’s Conference Room in the Capitol is a phrase I’ve often repeated over the last three years: ‘the will of the people is the law of the land.’ Well, right now in Wisconsin, when it comes to reproductive freedom, the will of the people isn’t the law of the land—but it damn well should be,” [said](#) Gov. Evers.

This announcement is [yet another action](#) that Gov. Evers has taken to deliver on his promises to protect Wisconsinites' right to choose.

“Gov. Tony Evers has always been a fearless defender of reproductive rights,” said DGA Senior Communications Advisor Christina Amestoy. **“While Wisconsin Republicans like Tim Michels try to rip away women’s freedoms and throw doctors and nurses behind bars, Gov. Evers will do whatever it**

takes to protect them.”