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## Representative Nygren Honors Emergency and First Responders

**Madison**--State Representative John Nygren (R-Marinette) released the following statement after the State Assembly passed Assembly Joint Resolution 78 commending emergency response personnel across the state for their work during the July 2019 severe weather incidents:

"Earlier this year central and northern Wisconsin were hit by severe storms that caused power outages for more than a quarter of a million state residents. Northeast Wisconsin had some of the hardest-hit areas. Utility officials called it one of the worst storms in 20 years. Winds reached up to 80 MPH. At least 17 tornadoes and straight-line winds were confirmed."

The destructive storms caused so much damage to the We Energies network that residences in the Fox Valley and across the entire Wisconsin Public Service network had power outages for multiple days. The extent of the damage was so severe that it required the rebuilding of parts of the network.

"I would like to thank the tireless efforts of our first responders, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, National Guard, utility crews, public works crews, state agency personnel, volunteers, and all the others that came forward to assist in the recovery. The efficiency of the efforts put forward reminds all of us of how great our community is."

"Please join me in honoring the emergency response personnel who helped recover during the July 2019 severe weather incidents."

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