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## **Statement on Wisconsin Supreme Court Ruling**

**MADISON** – Today, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued their long-awaited <u>decision</u> in the case *Fabick v. Evers* which challenged Governor Evers' ability to issue multiple emergency declarations in response to the same emergency. The Court ruled that Governor Evers exceeded his authority, declaring these orders unlawful. As a result of this ruling, any actions taken under these emergency declarations like the statewide mask mandate are void. In response to this ruling Representative James Edming (R-Glen Flora) released the following statement:

"Today the Wisconsin Supreme Court affirmed that Governor Evers' issuance of multiple emergency declarations without legislative approval was unlawful. State law says that a state of emergency cannot exceed 60 days unless it is extended by the legislature. Unfortunately, while the law is quite clear, Governor Evers has repeatedly exceeded his authority under the law. Back in February he even went so far as to reissue an emergency declaration (Executive Order #105) just after the legislature repealed his previous declaration (Executive Order #104).

"Today's ruling is a win for the rule of law in our state and shows that no one is above the law, not even the governor of the state of Wisconsin."

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The 87th Assembly District includes portions of Clark, Marathon, Rusk, Sawyer, and Taylor Counties.