

RESOLUTION**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



3/20/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Designating Work Zone Awareness Week 2023

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration partnered with the American Association of State Highway Officials and more recently the American Traffic Safety Services Association to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness campaign which is held annually in April prior to construction season in much of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two counties in the state to unite and kick off "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" with a resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its workers, the traveling public, public safety workers, and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

WHEREAS, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and

WHEREAS, the Rock County Highway Department and the Rock County Sheriff's Office have employees whose daily duties are to work within work zones and traffic; and,

WHEREAS, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin annually in each of the last three years; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Wisconsin suffered from 2,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and 6 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, between 2017 and 2022, there were 70 fatalities and over 5,000 injuries recorded as a result of more than 14,473 work zone crashes and injuring more than 5,449 people in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Rock County Highway Department are committed to working together in 2023 to make Work Zone Safety Awareness Week a success; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 17 through April 21, 2023, as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year's theme "You Play a Role in Work Zone Safety – Work With Us," which focuses on awareness to all drivers in work zones of their speed and proximity to workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors convened this 13th day of April, 2023 that the week of April 17 through April 21, 2023, be designated "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" in Rock County.

Committee Action

Public Works Committee

Public Works Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.