

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY



3/14/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Designating Work Zone Awareness Week 2022

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 an average of 2,677 work zone crashes in Wisconsin annually in each of the last five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, Wisconsin suffered from 1,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in 665 injuries and 17 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, between 2016 and 2020, there were 59 fatalities and over 5,000 injuries recorded as a result of more than 13,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin work zones; 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 2022 to make Work Zone Safety Awareness Week a success; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 11 through April 15, 2022, as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year’s theme “Work Zones are a Sign to Slow Down,” 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 24th day of March, 2022 that the week of April 11 through April 15, 2022, be designated “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” in Rock County.

Committee Action

Public Works Committee

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