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DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9 THROUGH APRIL 13, 2018 AS
"WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK" IN DANE COUNTY

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, in 2017, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and six fatalities; and

WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 fatalities recorded as a result of crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin County Highway workers who were killed in work zones in 2015; and

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

WHEREAS, since April 2017, Dane County Highway has had multiple people hit and injured in their work vehicle or while on the ground avoiding vehicles not obeying traffic control and flaggers, as well as numerous near misses almost on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, the Dane County Board would like to recognize and express appreciation to the Dane County Public Works, Highway and Transportation- Highway Division for doing an excellent job of keeping the county and state roads in good winter driving conditions by proactive, rapid and timely response to winter storms this winter season; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 9 through April 13, 2018 as National Work Zone Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Dane County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Dane County Highway Department are committed to working together in 2018 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Dane County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 9 through April 13, 2018 be designated as "Work Zone Awareness Week" in Dane County.