

**DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 3 THROUGH APRIL 7, 2017  
“WORK ZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN DANE COUNTY IN 2017”**

**WHEREAS** in 1999 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) partnered with the American Association of State and Highway officials (AASHTO) to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week campaign, held annually in April prior to the construction season for much of the nation; and,

**WHEREAS, four** (4) Wisconsin County Highway workers were killed in work zones in 2015 within the counties of Calumet, Lincoln, Shawano, and Winnebago; and Dane County suffered a loss as well when a worker was killed in 2009; along with many Highway Department vehicles hit in work zones, many near misses and the unfortunate event of a highway worker being struck this past December; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the past few years Wisconsin work zones have averaged approximately 1,200 accidents with 15 fatalities annually per year to either drivers, passengers, workers, or pedestrians; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Dane County Sheriff's Office is committed in 2017 to conduct enforcement activities and work jointly with the Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Dane County Public Works, Highway and Transportation Department to make “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” a success in Dane County; 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**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 3 through April 7, 2017 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year's theme “WORK ZONE SAFETY IS IN YOUR HANDS.”

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dane County Board of Supervisors designates the week of April 3 through April 7, 2017 as “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” in Dane County.