

2021 RES-004

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 26 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021

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 2020, Wisconsin suffered from over 1,800 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 665 injuries and 17 fatalities; and between 2015 and 2020, there were 64 fatalities and 5,000 injuries recorded as a result of 13,000 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 since April 2019, Dane County Highway has had multiple people hit and injured, 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 storms this winter season, while operating under the additional challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic; 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 2021 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success and remind drivers to Slow Down and Move Over, and that texting and driving is illegal throughout the state, and it's illegal to talk on a handheld cell phone while driving through a work zone; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 26 through April 30, 2021 as National Work Zone Awareness Week with a theme of "Drive Like You Work Here"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Dane County Board of Supervisors recognizes the week of April 26 through April 30, 2021 as "Work Zone Awareness Week" in Dane County.

Analiese Eicher, Chair
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this
_____ day of _____, 2021.

Scott McDonell,
Dane County Clerk