

**2021 RES-428**  
**DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2022**  
**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**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 11 through April 15, 2022 as National Work Zone Awareness Week with a theme of “Work Zones are a Sign to Slow Down;” and

**WHEREAS**, in 2020, Wisconsin suffered from over 1,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 665 injuries and 17 fatalities and there has been an average of over 2,677 work zone crashes over the last 5 years; and

**WHEREAS**, between 2016 and 2021, there were 59 fatalities and 5,000 injuries recorded as a result of 13,000 crashes in Wisconsin work zones; 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 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 Highway and Transportation Department 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, all 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 2022 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success, reminding drivers to slow down and move over, that texting and driving is illegal throughout the state, and that it’s illegal to talk on a handheld cell phone while driving through a work zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Dane County Board of Supervisors designate the week of April 11 through April 15, 2022 as “Work Zone Awareness Week” in Dane County.

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Analiese Eicher, Chair  
Dane County Board of Supervisor

Signed and sealed before me this  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Scott McDonnell,  
Dane County Clerk