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2 **RESOLUTION: Designate the Week of April 9-13, 2018, as Work Zone Awareness Week**
3 **in Winnebago County**
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5 **TO THE WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration partnered with the American Association of State
7 Highway and Transportation Officials to create the “National Work Zone Awareness Week” campaign, held annually
8 in the month of April, prior to the summer construction months; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, along with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, has
10 recognized April 9-13, 2018, as Work Zone Awareness Week in Wisconsin; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 2006, two Winnebago County Highway Department employees, Dan Melhorn and Marc
12 Neumeyer, were killed while they were working on the shoulder of I-41; and

13 **WHEREAS**, in 2015, three Wisconsin Counties lost highway department employees who were working in
14 work zones; and

15 **WHEREAS**, work zones also include locations where emergency, utility, tow truck, law enforcement, fire, and
16 EMS services’ vehicles are operating with their lights flashing, requiring motorists to move over or slow down; and

17 **WHEREAS**, reported work zone crashes in Winnebago County saw a more than 200% increase from 2014
18 to 2017, going from 76 to 239. Statewide, there have been more than 2,000 work zone crashes in each of the last
19 three years, including more than 2,800 in 2016—an average of more than 7 each day. In 2016, work zone crashes
20 caused 9 fatalities and 1,100 injuries in Wisconsin.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors that it hereby
22 designates the week of April 9-13, 2018, as Work Zone Awareness Week in Winnebago County.

24 Respectfully submitted by:

25 **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

26 Committee Vote: _____

27 Vote Required for Passage: **Majority of Those Present**

28 Approved by the Winnebago County Executive this _____ day of _____, 2016.
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33 Mark L Harris
34 Winnebago County Executive