

Proclamation
WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY
THE WEEK OF APRIL 15 THROUGH APRIL 19, 2024

Whereas, in 1999 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) partnered with the American Association of State and Highway officials (AASHTO) and more recently with the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) 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, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two (72) counties in the state to unite and kick-off “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” with a resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its’ workers and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

Whereas, according to data from UW Madison’s Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory’s Community Maps between 2019 and 2023, there were 64 fatalities recorded because of more than 10,000 crashes within work zones which injured more than 3,800 people; and

Whereas, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and

Whereas, there has been an average of 2,336 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the last five years; and

Whereas, in 2023, Wisconsin suffered from 2,168 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 712 injuries and 10 fatalities; and

Whereas, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Winnebago County Highway Department will work to make “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week a success; and

Whereas, the County Sheriff’s Office is committed in 2024 to conduct enforcement activities and work jointly with the County Highway Department to make “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” a success in Winnebago County; and

Whereas, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 15th through April 19, 2024, as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year’s theme “Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel can last forever”, which focuses on awareness to all drivers in work zones of their speed and proximity to workers; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jon Doemel, as the Winnebago County Executive, do hereby **PROCLAIM** the week of April 15 through April 19, 2024, to be designated as “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” in Winnebago County.



County Executive Jon Doemel
Signed: March 12, 2024