Resolution No. 3-322

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 11TH THROUGH APRIL 15TH "WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA COUNTY"

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 "WorkZone 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, between 2016 and 2021 there were 59 fatalities recorded as a result of more than 13,000 work zone crashes and injuring more than 5,000 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 2,677 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the last five years; and,

WHEREAS, in 2020, Wisconsin suffered from 1,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 665 injuries and 17 fatalities; and,

WHEREAS, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Iowa County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol and the Iowa County Highway Department will work to make "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" a success; and,

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff's Office committed in 2022 to conduct enforcement activities and work jointly with the County Highway Department to make "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" a success in Iowa County; and,

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Highway 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 11 through April 15, 2022 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year's theme "Work

Zones are a Sign to Slow Down", which focuses on awareness to all drivers in work zones of their speed and proximity to workers.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 11th through April 15th, 2022 be designated as "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" in Iowa County.

Offered by the Public Works Committee on February 22, 2022;

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 15th day of March, 2022.

John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

Attested to by the County Clerk

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