

Resolution No. 4-0420

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 20th THROUGH APRIL 24TH
“WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA COUNTY IN 2020”**

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, between 2012 and 2018, there were 64 fatalities recorded as a result of crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin County Highway workers which were killed in work zones in 2015 in the counties of Calumet, Lincoln, and Shawano; 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 2018, Wisconsin suffered from 3,100 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,274 injuries and NINE 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 is committed in 2020 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 20 through April 24, 2020 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year’s theme “Safe Work Zones for All. Protect Workers. Protect Road Users. We Can Do It!” which focuses on awareness to all drivers in work zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 20th through April 24th, 2020 be designated as “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” in Iowa County.

Offered by the Public Works Committee on April 6, 2020.