

RESOLUTION 2018 - 22

Re: Work Zone Safety Awareness Week

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) partnered with the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO) to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week campaign, held annually in April prior to the construction season in much of the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two 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, the traveling public, public safety workers, and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

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

WHEREAS, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the last three years; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and six fatalities; and

WHEREAS, between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 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; and

WHEREAS, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Vilas County Sheriff’s Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Vilas County Highway Department are committed to working together in 2018 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 9 through April 13, 2018 as National Work Zone Awareness Week.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vilas County Board of Supervisors in session this 27th day of March, 2018 that the County Board designates the week of April 9 through April 13, 2018 as “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” in Vilas County.

SUBMITTED BY: Highway Committee

s/ Charles Rayala Jr., Chair

s/ Jerry Burkett

s/ Todd Achterberg

s/ Art Kunde

s/ Willy Otterpohl