

Kenosha



County

MEMORANDUM

Communication to Kenosha County Board of Supervisors
(For Informational Purposes Only)

COMMUNICATION TO APPEAR ON COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA: 02/21/2024

SUBJECT: A Resolution Recognizing April 15-19, 2024 as "National Work Zone Awareness Week"

COMMITTEE: Choose a Committee

SUBMITTED BY: Vice Chair Decker

RESOLUTION TO BE PRESENTED AT Choose a Committee **COMMITTEE ON** [Click here to enter a date.](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (optional):



KENOSHA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A Resolution Recognizing April 15-19, 2024 as "National Work Zone Awareness Week"			
Original ☒ [x]	Revised ☐ []	2nd Correction ☐ []	Resubmitted ☐ []
Date Submitted: 2/8/2024		Date Resubmitted:	
Submitted by: Vice Chair Decker, Supervisor Rodriguez, and Supervisor Poole			
Fiscal Note Attached ☐ []		Legal Note Attached ☐ [] Agreement	
Prepared by: Vice Chair Decker, Shelly Billingsley, and Clement Abongwa		Signature:	

WHEREAS, the average number of work zone crashes per year in Wisconsin is 2336; and

WHEREAS, in the past five years there have been 63 deaths, 11,678 crashes, and 4,370 injuries in Wisconsin work zones, a majority of those being drivers and passengers; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's 2023 construction season recorded one work zone crash every four hours; and

WHEREAS, speeding, tailgating, and distracted driving are the leading causes of work zone crashes in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Highway Administration, while work zones play a critical role in maintaining and upgrading our roads, work zones can also be a major cause of congestion, delay, and traveler dissatisfaction; and

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, trucks and buses have limited maneuverability and large blind spots that make operating in work zone areas more challenging, leading to a disproportionate number of work zone crashes involving trucks and buses; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of work zone speed limits is shown to significantly reduce speeding, aggressive driving, fatalities, and injuries; and

WHEREAS, work zone crashes and fatalities deeply impact family, friends, and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors, in support of the contributions made by Kenosha County's Highway Workers to repair and maintain the roads in Kenosha County, does recognize April 15-19, 2024, as National Work Zone Awareness Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors encourages individuals to practice work zone safety by:

- researching their routes ahead of time to avoid work zones when possible;
- avoiding distractions while driving;
- obeying road crew flaggers and being aware of and obeying all signage throughout work zones that indicate reduced speeds, lane changes, and other vital information;
- slowing down when entering a work zone and being vigilant of road workers;
- merging into an open lane when instructed to do so when lane closures are present and slowing down and merging over for first responders;
- maintaining a space cushion when driving behind other vehicles to avoid rear end crashes.

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