STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's emergency responders—representing fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and towing and transportation services—work tirelessly to save lives and keep the state's roads safe; and

WHEREAS; approximately 128,000 traffic crashes occur in Wisconsin every year, impacting the safety of travelers and the state's emergency responders who are at risk of being struck and injured, or even killed, in a secondary crash; and

WHEREAS; all travelers have a duty and responsibility to drive safely and take every precaution to reduce the risk of secondary crashes, which includes following the state's Move Over Law, designed to provide a safety zone for workers and disabled vehicles on the side of roadways; and

WHEREAS; 2021 Wisconsin Act 115 added additional protection for workers on Wisconsin's roads by banning cellphone use in an emergency response area and creating a criminal penalty for traffic violations that lead to injuries in designated emergency zones; and

WHEREAS; this year's theme "Slow Down, Move Over. Lives are on the Line!" reminds drivers to slow down and give space to emergency responders all year-round; and

WHEREAS; this week, the State of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in encouraging all Wisconsinites to do their part to keep Wisconsin's highways safe and to recognize the hard work of the state's emergency responders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 2 – 6, 2026, as

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 27th day of October 2026.

Tony Evers

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Sarah Godlewski

SARAH GODLEWSKI
Secretary of State