

WHEREAS; Wisconsin’s emergency responders work tirelessly to save lives and keep the state’s highways safe, responding to more than 128,000 traffic crashes in Wisconsin every year; and

WHEREAS; at every crash scene, emergency responders—representing fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and towing and transportation services—are at risk of being struck and injured, or even killed, in a secondary crash; and

WHEREAS; each driver has a 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 on the side of roadways; and

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

WHEREAS; the annual Crash Responder Safety Week is an opportunity to remind drivers to slow down and give space to emergency responders, and this year’s theme is “Responders Ahead! Reduce Your Speed As You Proceed”; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in encouraging all Wisconsinites to do their part in keeping 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 18 through 22 2024 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 25th day of October 2024.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State