WHEREAS; since 2000, National Work Zone Awareness Week has marked the start of construction season across the country, promoting road worker safety and cautious driving in work zones; and

WHEREAS; there are typically more than 300 state highway and bridge improvement projects—in addition to other municipality-sponsored construction projects—scheduled across Wisconsin every year that require the establishment of work zones; and

WHEREAS; last year, Wisconsin recorded more than 2,000 work zone crashes that resulted in 665 injuries and eight fatalities; and

WHEREAS; safe roads, bridges, and highways mean that the state's kids can get to school safely, workers can get to and from their jobs, industries can confidently move products from point A to point B, and visitors and residents alike can travel across the state and enjoy all that Wisconsin has to offer; and

WHEREAS; with the passage of Wisconsin Act 115 in December 2021, penalties were increased for traffic violations that result in bodily harm in road construction areas, utility work areas, or emergency response areas to defend the safety of the dedicated folks whose jobs take them onto the state's roads each day; and

WHEREAS; road workers, like all workers, have the right to a safe work environment, and all drivers have an obligation to exercise extra caution when traveling through work zones; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins road workers throughout Wisconsin and the United States in advocating for safe driving in work zones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 17 – 21, 2023, as

NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS 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 24th day of March 2023.

TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:

SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State