WHEREAS: construction and maintenance of our streets, highways and utility infrastructure are critical to public safety, mobility, and the state's economic vitality; and

WHEREAS: this year, more than 300 state highway and bridge improvement projects are scheduled across Wisconsin along with other municipality-sponsored construction projects that will require establishment of work zones; and

WHEREAS: work zones often feature narrowed lanes, reduced speeds, temporary pavement, and night work that require drivers to slow down and eliminate distractions to protect themselves and workers; and

WHEREAS: state law prohibits drivers from using hand-held cell phones in construction zones, and also requires motorists to move over or slow down anytime they come upon highway maintenance, law enforcement, utility or other emergency vehicles, and tow trucks stopped along a road with their warning lights flashing; and

WHEREAS: last year, Wisconsin recorded more than 3,100 work zone crashes that resulted in more than 1,270 injuries and 9 fatalities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the state of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 8-12, 2019 as

WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.

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 8th day of April 2019.

TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State