IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESOLUTION No. 6-0325

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 21st THROUGH APRIL 25th 2025 As WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA COUNTY.

WHEREAS in 1999 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) partnered with the American Association of State and Highway officials (AASHTO) and more recently with the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week campaign, held annually in April prior to the construction season for much of the nation; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two (72) counties in the state to unite and kick-off "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" with a resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its' workers and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and,

WHEREAS, according to data from UW Madison's Traffic Operations and Safety Laboratory's Community Maps between 2019 and 2023, there were 64 fatalities recorded as a result of more than 10,000 crashes within work zones which injured more than 3,800 people; and,

WHEREAS, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and,

WHEREAS, there has been an average of 2,124 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the last five years; and,

WHEREAS, in 2024, Wisconsin suffered from 2,161 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 525 injuries and 9 fatalities; and,

WHEREAS, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Iowa County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and the Iowa County Highway Department will work to make "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week a success; and,

WHEREAS, the County Sheriff's Office is committed in 2025 to conduct enforcement activities and work jointly with the County Highway Department to make "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" a success in Iowa County; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 21st through April 25th, 2025 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year's theme "Respect the Zone so we all Get Home", which focuses on awareness to all drivers in work zones of their speed and proximity to workers,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 21st through April 25th, 2025 be designated as "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" in Iowa County.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 18 day of March 2025.

ohn M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

ATTEST:

Megan Qurrie, County Clerk