

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2023 – 16

2023 Work Zone Awareness Week in Barron County

1 **WHEREAS**, in 1999, the Federal Highway Administration partnered with the American
2 Association of State Highway Officials and more recently the American Traffic Safety Services
3 Association to create the National Work Zone Safety Awareness campaign which is held
4 annually in April prior to the construction season in much of the nation and;
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6 **WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two
7 counties in the state to unite and kick-off “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” with a
8 resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its workers, the travelling public, public safety
9 workers, and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, between 2017 and 2022, there were 70 fatalities recorded as a result of
12 more than 14,473 work zone crashes and injuring more than 5,449 people in Wisconsin; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways
15 periodically require that work zones be established; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Barron County Highway Department and the Barron County Sheriff’s
18 Department have, on a daily basis, have employees actively engaged in Work Zones on the
19 highway system within Barron County; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, there has been over 1,805 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the
22 last five years; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, in 2020, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,186 crashes in road construction
25 and maintenance zones, resulting in over 859 injuries and 13 fatalities; and
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27 **WHEREAS**, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Barron
28 County Sheriff’s Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Barron County Highway Department will
29 work to make Work Zone Safety Awareness Week a success; and
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31 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 17 through April
32 21, 2023 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year’s theme “You play a
33 role in work zone safety. Work with us”, which emphasized the importance of motorists driving
34 safely to ensure that we all work together to save lives in work zones;
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36 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Highway Committee on March 9, 2023
37 on a vote of 4 - 0 with Effertz, Gores, Heinecke and Mosentine voting in favor and no members
38 voting against. Thompson was absent.
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40 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Barron County Board of
41 Supervisors that the week of April 17 through April 21, 2023 be designated as Work Zone Safety
42 Awareness Week in Barron County

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OFFERED THIS 20th Day of March, 2023

<p>Number of readings required: One (X) Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (X) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (X) Details: N/A</p> <p>Fiscal impact: - Current year total amount: \$ - 0 - - Future years total amount: \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – current year - \$ - 0 - - Effect on tax levy – future years - \$ - 0 -</p> <p>Fiscal impact reviewed by County Finance Department</p> <p>_____ Jodi Busch, Finance Director</p> <p>Approved as to form by:</p> <p>_____ Jeffrey French, Administrator</p> <p>_____ John Muench, Corporation Counsel</p>	<p>_____ Jim Gores, Highway Committee Vice Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted (X) Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (Effertz/Moen) to approve. Carried with 29 voting Yes.</p>
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