

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 21

2024 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**, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways
12 periodically require that work zones be established; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the
15 last three years; and
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17 **WHEREAS**, in 2022, there were 857 fatalities in 774 work zone crashes in the United
18 States; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2017, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,700 crashes in road construction
21 and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and six fatalities; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 fatalities recorded as a result of
24 crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin Highway workers which were killed
25 in work zones in 2015; with another recent fatality of a County Highway Worker in Milwaukee
26 County in 2023; and
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28 **WHEREAS**, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Barron
29 County Sheriff’s Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Barron County Highway Department will
30 work to make Work Zone Safety Awareness Week a success; and
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32 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 15 through April
33 19, 2024 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week;
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35 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Highway Committee on March 7, 2024
36 on a vote of 5 - 0 with Effertz, Gores, Heinecke, Mosentine, and Thompson voting in favor and
37 no members voting against.
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39 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Barron County Board of
40 Supervisors that the week of April 15 through April 19, 2024 be designated as Work Zone Safety
41 Awareness Week in Barron County

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OFFERED THIS 18th Day of March, 2024

<p>Number of readings required: One <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two ()</p> <p>Vote required for passage: Majority (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 2/3 Entire Board (20) ()</p> <p>Source of funding: Budgeted () General Fund () Grant () Contingency () Other (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) 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>_____ Marv Thompson, Highway Committee Chair</p> <p>(The Committee Chair signature verifies the action taken by the Committee.)</p> <p>Board Action: Adopted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Failed () Tabled ()</p> <p>Motion: (Thompson/Nelson) to approve. Carried with 27 Yes and 2 Absent (Fall & Taxdahl).</p>
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