

BARRON COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2025 – 16

2025 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 891 fatalities in 774 work zone crashes in the United
18 States; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,100 crashes in road construction
21 and maintenance zones, resulting in over 700 injuries and nine fatalities; and
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23 **WHEREAS**, between 2019 and 2023, there were 66 fatalities recorded as a result of
24 10,600 crashes in Wisconsin work zones; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, between 2020 and 2024, Barron County recorded 7 Work Zone accidents
27 resulting in 9 injuries and 1 fatality; and
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29 **WHEREAS**, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Barron
30 County Sheriff’s Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Barron County Highway Department are
31 committed to working together in 2025 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 21 through April
34 25, 2025 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week. The theme for 2025’s event is
35 “Protect the Zone, So We All Get Home”;
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37 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Highway Committee on April 3, 2025
38 on a vote of 5 - 0 with Jenkins, Effertz, Mosentine, Olson and Thompson voting in favor and no
39 members voting against; and
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41 **WHEREAS**, this resolution was approved by the Executive Committee on April 4, 2025
42 on a vote of 9 – 0 with Bartlett, Cook, Hanson, Kusilek, Wenzel, Okey, Thompson, Olson and
43 Nelson (Alternate) voting in favor and no members voting against. Rogers was absent.
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- 45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Barron County Board of
46 Supervisors that the week of April 21 through April 25, 2025 be designated as Work Zone Safety
47 Awareness Week in Barron County

OFFERED THIS 15th Day of April, 2025

<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>_____ Marv Thompson, Highway Committee Chair</p> <p>_____ Louie Okey, Executive Committee 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: (Hanson/Langman) to approve. Carried with 28 Yes and 1 Absent: McCready.</p>
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