Resolution No. 4-0318

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 9th THROUGH APRIL 13TH "WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK IN IOWA COUNTY IN 2018"

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, between 2012 and 2017, there were 55 fatalities recorded as a result of crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin County Highway workers which were killed in work zones in 2015 in the counties of Calumet, Lincoln, and Shawano; and,

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

WHEREAS, there has been over 2,000 work zone crashes in Wisconsin in each of the last three years; and,

WHEREAS, in 2017, Wisconsin suffered from were nearly 2,700 crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in over 1,000 injuries and six fatalities; and,

WHEREAS, for the State of Wisconsin in 2016 2,807 crashes were reported in work zones resulting in 1,110 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 2018 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 Iowa County Highway Department and Sheriff's Office have employees whose daily duties are to work within work zones and traffic; and,

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 9 through April 13, 2018 as National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week with this year's theme "Work Zone Safety is Everyone's Responsibility!" which focuses on awareness to all drivers in work zones,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 9th through April 13th, 2018 be designated as "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" in Iowa County.

Offered by the Public Works Committee on March 5, 2018

Adopted by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this _204 day of _______, 2018.

John M. Meyers, Iowa County Board Chair

Attested to by the County Clerk

Greg Klusendorf