
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, APRIL 9, 2024

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 15 through 19, 2024, as "National
2 Work Zone Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Work Zone Awareness Week" is an annual
4 campaign held at the start of the road construction season to
5 encourage drivers to use extra caution when traveling through
6 highway work zones; and

7 WHEREAS, Originating in Virginia in 1997, the campaign went
8 national in 2000, with partnerships between state departments of
9 transportation, national road safety organizations, government
10 agencies, private companies and advocates; and

11 WHEREAS, In preparation for the first official "National Work
12 Zone Awareness Week," the American Traffic Safety Services
13 Association, along with the Federal Highway Administration and
14 the American Association of State Highway Transportation
15 Officials, outlined the goals for the campaign's efforts; and

16 WHEREAS, The organizations agreed that the goals of "National
17 Work Zone Awareness Week" are to:

1 (1) Initiate efforts to raise awareness of the need for
2 more caution when driving through work zones to decrease
3 fatalities and injuries.

4 (2) Establish and promote a uniform set of safety tips.

5 (3) Ensure that the value of training and the importance
6 of best practices in regard to work zone safety would be
7 promoted among individuals in the private sector, industry
8 and roadway workers.

9 (4) Reach out to both roadway workers and contractors to
10 communicate possible effects of motorists' behavior in
11 response to traffic delays, and advise on what steps might
12 possibly be taken to lessen negative behavior.

13 (5) Ensure that outreach efforts would be made to work
14 with entities involved with work zone safety and to form
15 partnerships;

16 and

17 WHEREAS, This year marks the 25th anniversary of "National
18 Work Zone Awareness Week" and will focus the week's events on
19 the theme, "Work Zones are temporary. Actions behind the wheel
20 can last forever"; and

21 WHEREAS, This year's events include Work Zone Safety Training
22 Day on Monday, April 15, a national kickoff event hosted by the
23 Maryland Department of Transportation on Tuesday, April 16, "Go
24 Orange Day" on Wednesday, April 17, a social media storm on
25 Thursday, April 18, and the Moment of Silence on Friday, April
26 19; and

27 WHEREAS, Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety
28 Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System highlights
29 the critical need for drivers to slow down and remain focused
30 while approaching and passing through a roadway work zone; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2021, the most recent year in which national data
2 is available, there were 106,000 work zone crashes, resulting in
3 956 fatalities, with 108 being roadway workers; and

4 WHEREAS, The remainder and vast majority of those killed were
5 motorists and their passengers; and

6 WHEREAS, Additional national data shows that, in 2021, there
7 were 164 pedestrian fatalities in work zones, 323 commercial
8 motor vehicle-involved crash fatalities and 42,000 injuries; and

9 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth
10 reports that in 2022 there were 1,293 crashes in work zones
11 across this Commonwealth resulting in 14 fatalities and 723
12 injuries; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
14 week of April 15 through 19, 2024, as "National Work Zone
15 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives encourage the
17 motorists of this Commonwealth to recognize the importance of
18 slowing down, paying attention and using extra caution when
19 traveling through roadway work zones for the safety of
20 themselves, other travelers and the construction crews who are
21 working hard to improve the integrity of this Commonwealth's
22 roads.