

SHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 31 (2014/15)

Re: **Designating March 23 – 27, 2015, as Work Zone Safety Awareness Week**

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated March 23 – 27, 2015, as "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" throughout the United States, and

WHEREAS, while total occupational injuries decreased in 2013, in 2012, 609 people died in highway work zone crashes, which is an increase of 19 fatalities compared to 2011, and

WHEREAS, of the 2012 work zone crashes, speeding was a factor in more than 35 percent of the crashes – crashes generally occurring when drivers speed through a work zone, don't pay attention to changing road conditions, run into other vehicles or highway equipment, or drive off the road completely, and

WHEREAS, it is important to remind the public of the danger that is posed to themselves and highway, law enforcement, and emergency workers by drivers using unreasonable and unsafe speeds in work and construction zones, and

WHEREAS, the Sheboygan County Highway Department and the Sheriff's Department are united in encouraging drivers to operate safely in construction zones, to yield and slow to emergency and police vehicles, and to obey "Move Over" laws requiring the use of the furthest available lane when approaching law enforcement vehicles along the shoulder;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sheboygan County Board of Supervisors joins the Federal Highway Administration in designating March 23 – 27, 2015, as "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" and encourages the public to be alert to driving conditions which could put themselves and highway, law enforcement, or emergency workers at risk on the road.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of February, 2015.

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