



National Lieutenant Governors Association

Resolution Declaring April 8 – 12, 2019 National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW)

3 **WHEREAS**, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the
4 start of roadway construction season to encourage safe driving through work zones. The key message is for
5 drivers to use extra caution in work zones, and

6 **WHEREAS**, NWZAW is a way to raise public awareness for work zones and those who work in them.
7 Motorists are encouraged to slow to posted speed limits, eliminate distractions while driving, and be
8 watchful for roadway workers, their equipment, and vehicles on the side of the road in work zones, and

9 **WHEREAS**, during NWZAW national organizations such as the American Traffic Safety Services
10 Association (ATSSA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the American Association of State
11 Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and a wide variety of partners work collaboratively to
12 increase awareness of work zone safety, and

13 **WHEREAS**, road work is recognized as a hazardous occupation, and there are still a considerable number
14 of individuals injured or killed in roadway work zones each year, and

15 **WHEREAS**, according to the [FHWA](#), in 2016 there were 765 work zone fatalities in the United States, an
16 increase of 7% from 2015, and

17 **WHEREAS**, the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation (The Foundation), a non-profit that
18 supports the families of those who have lost loved ones in roadway work zone incidents, has a National
19 Work Zone Memorial (The Memorial) which honors those lives that been lost. Currently, The Memorial
20 lists 1,473 names of fallen roadway workers and others killed in work zones and travels around the country
21 each year to serve as a tribute to those killed and raise awareness of work zone safety.

22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association hereby
23 encourages motorists to slow to posted speed limits, eliminate distractions while driving, and be watchful
24 for roadway workers, their equipment, and vehicles on the side of the road in work zones.

25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recognizes April 8 –
26 12, 2019 as National Work Zone Awareness Week.

ADOPTED, this day, the _____ of March, 2019.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Mike Cooney (D – Montana), Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R – Louisiana)