**RESOLUTION #**

**Crash Responder Safety Week Proclamation**

**Proclamation offered by the Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee**

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Sauk County, Wisconsin:

**BACKGROUND:**

**Whereas,** Crash Responder Safety Week is set aside each year to recognize the often lifesaving work of our crash responders; and

**Whereas,** at every crash scene, emergency responders - representing fire, emergency medical services, law enforcement, and towing and transportation services - are at risk of being struck and injured, or even killed, in a secondary crash; and

**Whereas,** each driver has a responsibility to drive safely and take every precaution to reduce the risk of secondary crashes, which includes following the state’s Move Over Law, designed to provide a safety zone for workers on the side of roadways; and

**Whereas,** 2021 Wisconsin Act 115 added additional protections for workers on Wisconsin’s roads by creating a criminal penalty for traffic violations that lead to injuries in designated emergency zones; and

**Whereas,** in 2024 crash data for Sauk County shows there were 1,849 crashes which included 7 fatalities and 451 injuries; and

**Whereas,** this week, Sauk County joins the Wisconsin Department of Transportation: recognizing a need for public awareness and acknowledgement that we are all responsible for preventing secondary crashes that endanger the lives of our dedicated emergency personnel.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Sauk County Board of Supervisors, met in regular session, does hereby proclaim the week of November 17-21, 2025, as Crash Responder Safety Week and encourages all residents, drivers and organizations to observe this week of practicing safe driving behaviors, raising awareness, and supporting the safety of our first responders.

Approved by the Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee on October 14, 2025.

To be presented to the County Board on October 21, 2025.

Consent Agenda Item: [ ] YES [ X ] NO

Fiscal Impact: [ X ] None [ ] Budgeted Expenditure [ ] Not Budgeted

Vote Required: Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 2/3 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_ 3/4 Majority = \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The County Board has the legal authority to adopt: Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as reviewed by the Corporation Counsel, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Offered and passage by: Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee

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Sheila Carver

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Scott Alexander

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David Clemens

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Richard Cross

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John Deitrich

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Shaun Harris

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Brian Peper

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Jake Roxen

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Sam Pocernich

Fiscal Note: No fiscal impact

MIS Note: No MIS impact