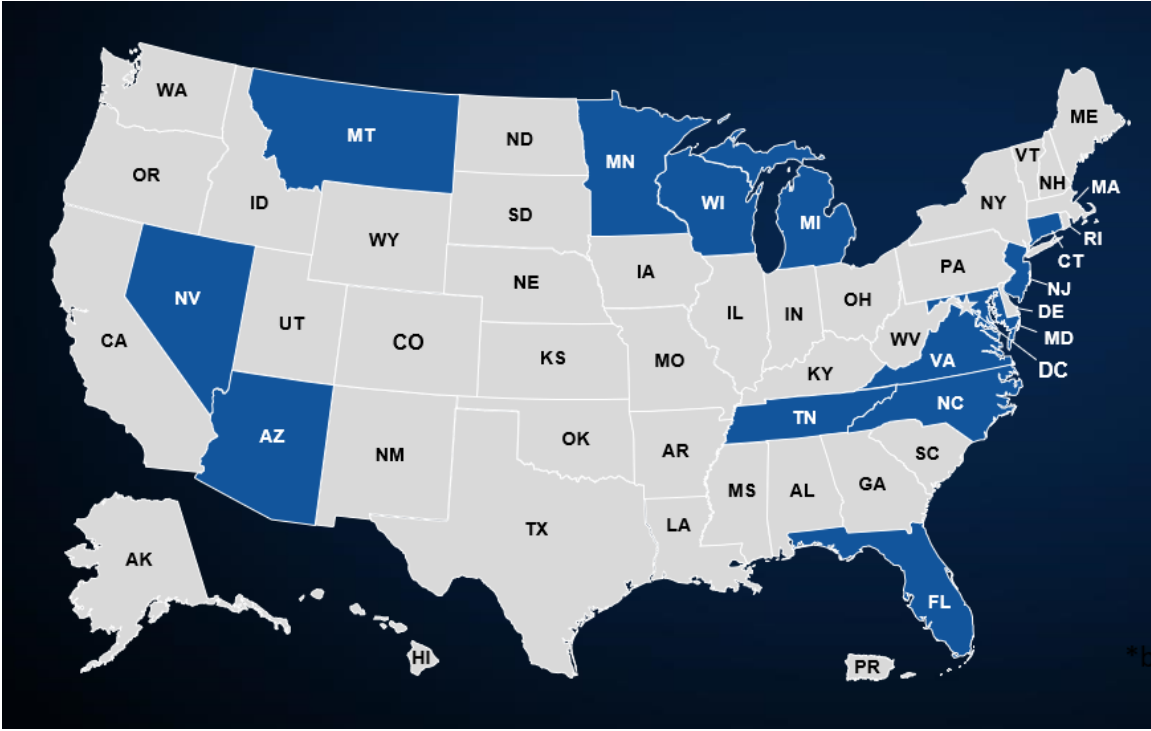


This document includes proclamations issued by Governors in 13 States to commemorate Crash Responder Safety Week in the year 2022. The following map summarizes the set of States. These States include AZ, CT, FL, MD, MI, MN, MT, NC, NJ, NV, TN, VA, and WI.



Source: FHWA

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA
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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, from 2019-2021, Arizona recorded more than 100,000 injury/fatal traffic-related crashes, placing thousands of on-scene first responders (EMS/fire, law enforcement, transportation/public works, 911 communications, towing/recovery) at risk of being struck-by and killed or injured by approaching/passing motorists; and

WHEREAS, “D” Drivers (drunk, drugged, drowsy, distracted, and otherwise dangerous drivers) present the greatest risk for secondary crashes and on-scene first responders being struck and killed or injured; and

WHEREAS, Traffic Incident Management (TIM) is the planned and coordinated multi-disciplinary process to detect, respond to, and safely clear traffic incidents quickly to improve the safety of motorists, crash victims and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration’s TIM course is a free four-hour class that trains first responders to work highway scenes under a unified command structure to facilitate responder safety, safe and quick roadway clearance, and interoperable communication; and

WHEREAS, Arizona completed 438 TIM training sessions, resulting in 8,743 crash first responders being trained (2,677 law enforcement, 1,890 fire-rescue, 1,550 towing and recovery, 362 emergency medical services, 1,818 transportation/public works, and 446 other disciplines) as of August 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme is “See Flashing Lights Ahead? Slow Down or Move Over.”; and

WHEREAS, first responders are encouraged to complete the free hour-hour TIM course by registering on the AZ TIM website.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim November 14 – 18, 2022,

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

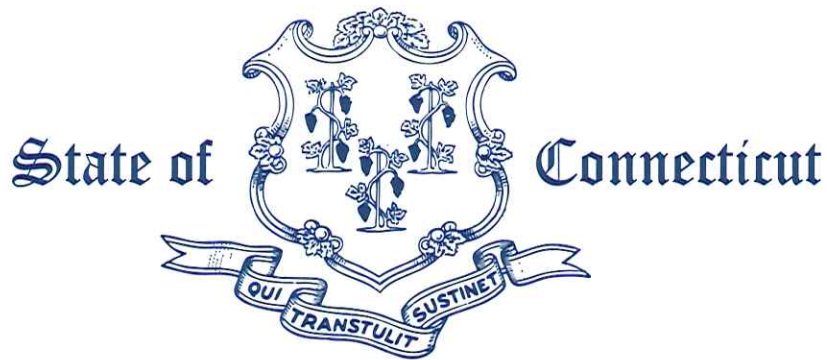
Douglas A. Ducey
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this seventh day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Seventh.

ATTEST:

[Signature]

SECRETARY OF STATE



By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an
Official Statement

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut is promoting Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW); and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut supports efforts to raise awareness of responder safety and reduce responder fatalities at crashes – and to recognize all traffic incident management (TIM) response personnel and communities; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut recognizes the efforts of all responders called to duty assisting road users in need – at all hours of the day and night, in adverse weather conditions, and in dangerous roadside environments; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut acknowledges responders provide a critical public service to quickly and safely clear crashes, assist disabled vehicles, remove roadway debris, and manage other incidents; and

*W*HEREAS, crash responders conduct valuable and often lifesaving operations and are trained to employ well-rehearsed procedures to detect, respond to, and clear incidents to keep motorists safe; and

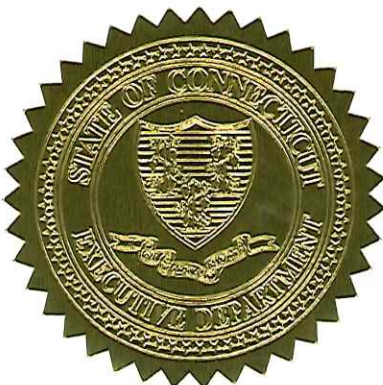
*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut's "Move Over" law requires any operator of a motor vehicle to reduce speed and move over, if possible, when approaching a vehicle with activated flashing lights – including law enforcement, fire, emergency services, towing and recovery, highway maintenance, and other emergency response vehicles; and

*W*HEREAS, the State of Connecticut asks all road users to remember to do their part – it is a shared responsibility to keep our roadways safe; too many responders are struck on scene, and too many responders die or can no longer do their duty. Slow Down, Move Over, and Stay Alert; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Ned Lamont, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim the week of November 14th – 18th, 2022, to be

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

in the State of Connecticut.



Ned Lamont

GOVERNOR



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

WHEREAS, public safety is the highest priority and must be maintained on Florida's roadways before, during, and after traffic incidents; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, Road Rangers, and tow operators respond to traffic incidents and often perform life-saving operations on the roadside; and

WHEREAS, nationally, crash and emergency responders have lost their lives while responding to traffic incidents; and

WHEREAS, in Florida, as of this date in 2022, a mobile mechanic and a Road Ranger Service Patrol operator have lost their lives while responding to traffic incidents; and

WHEREAS, city, county, and state governmental entities have the responsibility to take all necessary precautions to reduce risks to responders; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing November 14-18, 2022 as Crash Responder Safety Week, here in Florida.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 14th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



Governor

The State of Maryland



Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK NOVEMBER 14 - 18, 2022

WHEREAS, *The observance of Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) recognizes all traffic incident management response communities and serves as a reminder of the critical importance of planned and coordinated efforts to detect, respond to, and clear crashes and other traffic incidents so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and as quickly as possible while keeping all motorists, crash victims and emergency responders safe; and*

WHEREAS, *First responders come to the assistance of motorists 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, often within inches of vehicles traveling at highway speeds are at risk when motorists fail to move over a lane or slow down so crews can safely do their jobs; and*

WHEREAS, *All responders, all drivers and all passengers have a role in keeping our roadways safe. When motorists move over and slow down, the risk of crashes, injuries and fatalities are reduced and keep our roadways clear for all users.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LAWRENCE J. HOGAN, JR., GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim NOVEMBER 14 - 18, 2022 as CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 14th day of November
Two Thousand and twenty-two

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor

Robert K. Lattimore
Lt. Governor

John C. Womack
Secretary of State

November 14-18, 2022: Crash Responder Safety Week

November 14, 2022

WHEREAS, according to the Michigan State Police Office of Highway Safety Planning, a traffic crash was reported in Michigan every 1 minute and 52 seconds resulting in 282,640 traffic crashes in 2021, and emergency vehicles were involved in 2,379 of these crashes including two fatal crashes and 356 injury crashes; and,

WHEREAS, emergency responders working the scene of a traffic crash or other incident may include any combination of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical service personnel, towing and recovery operators, and transportation first responders, and they risk being struck by a vehicle and killed or injured in the line of duty every hour of every day; and,

WHEREAS, according to the Emergency Responder Safety Institute, nationwide 36 emergency responders have been struck and killed while responding to traffic incidents since January 2022, and in 2021, 65 emergency responders nationwide, which is an increase of more than 40% compared to 2020, were struck and killed while responding to traffic incidents; and,

WHEREAS, all emergency responders have a responsibility to protect each other along with the motoring public and reduce the risk of secondary crashes by training in traffic incident management (TIM) with other emergency responders and using TIM best practices when responding to traffic incidents; and,

WHEREAS, all motorists have a responsibility to drive safely around traffic incidents and reduce the risk of secondary crashes by following Michigan laws that increase emergency responder and motorist safety; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan's Move Over law requires drivers approaching stopped emergency vehicles with emergency lights activated to slow down at least 10 mph below the posted speed limit, and move over at least one lane if safely possible; and,

WHEREAS, Crash Responder Safety Week is an opportunity for Michigan to raise awareness that every emergency responder and every driver has a responsibility for traffic incident scene safety, and by staying alert, avoiding distractions, driving safely around traffic incidents and obeying the Move Over law, we can save lives;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2022, as Crash Responder Safety Week in Michigan.

Governor



November 14-18, 2022: Crash Responder Safety Week

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STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: November 14-18, 2022, is Crash Responder Safety Week; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota recognizes the critical role our traffic incident responders play in saving lives and keeping traffic moving through safe, quick roadway incident management; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota's Move Over Law requires that motorists must move over one full lane for all stopped crash responders that have their flashing lights activated along a road with two or more lanes going the same direction, including law enforcement, emergency medical services, fire, tow trucks, highway workers, and others; and
- WHEREAS: All crash responders deserve to get home safely at the end of every workday and after working any crash scene; and
- WHEREAS: A robust public awareness of crash responder safety is critical to the safety of all road users; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota stands with the U.S. Department of Transportation in bringing attention to Crash Responder Safety Week

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM WALZ, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim November 14-18, 2022, as:

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 8th day of November.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Walz".

GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Pimmon".

SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana highway crashes occur year-round, especially during the winter snow storm season, often leading to secondary crash incidents, blocked highways, and impeded business and commuter traffic; and

WHEREAS, dedicated first responders to those crashes, including law enforcement, fire, and ambulance, and towing and recovery personnel, risk their lives to care for victims and assist motorists on busy highways; and

WHEREAS, threats to first responders can be mitigated by individuals who are approaching the scene of the accident slowing down and moving over; and

WHEREAS, the Move Over law, signed in April, strengthens penalties for those who don't slow their speed by 20 miles per hour and change lanes; and

WHEREAS, Crash Responder Safety Week recognizes first responders to roadside incidents and the work they do to protect Montanans traveling on our roads and highways;

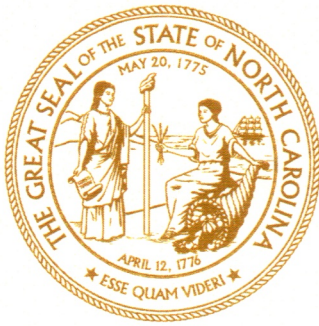
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2021 to be

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

in Montana to recognize the importance of slowing down and moving over for first responders while traveling on Montana's roads and highways.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, highway crashes and incidents in North Carolina cause major congestion, secondary crashes, and impact commuter and business traffic; and

WHEREAS, these incidents, and additional challenges on roadways, necessitate a coordinated multi-agency response, referred to in the public safety and transportation professions as Traffic Incident Management (TIM); and

WHEREAS, TIM stakeholders include law enforcement, fire services, emergency medical services, transportation agencies, towing and recovery, emergency management, hazardous materials responders, medical examiners, traffic media, freight haulers, and the traveling public; and

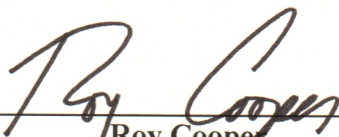
WHEREAS, North Carolina responders have trained 3,549 TIM responders as of May 23, 2022; and

WHEREAS, TIM efforts clear incidents more efficiently, improving safety for all while also keeping goods, services, and the traveling public moving throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the safety of all, including the traveling public and response personnel at incident scenes, is of paramount concern;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 14 – 18, 2022, as “**CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK**” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.





Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this tenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-seventh.



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, public service utility workers, transportation road crews, and tow operators, conduct valuable and often life-saving operations on the roadside; and

WHEREAS, these on-scene personnel provide a critical public service as first responders; and

WHEREAS, they are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse weather conditions, and in a dangerous roadside environment; and

WHEREAS, across the country, 34 emergency responders who were working on the roadside were struck and killed to date in 2022, including 12 law enforcement officers, 9 tow truck operators, 8 firefighters and EMS personnel; 1 Department of Transportation/Safety Service Patrol personnel, and 4 mobile mechanics; and

WHEREAS, Crash Responder Safety Week is a nationally recognized initiative to bring awareness to and educate motorists about responder safety during traffic incidents and the importance of abiding by established Slow Down, Move Over laws that protect first responders and motorists during crashes; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey a driver who fails to slow down or move over for law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, public service utility workers, transportation road crews, and tow operators that have emergency lights on is subject to a fine between \$100 and \$500; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey strengthened the Slow Down, Move Over law by passing bill A-3890 in 2020 that states if a driver is convicted of this offense three or more times in a single year, they will incur two motor vehicle points on their driver's license, which may result in additional penalties, including surcharges and license suspension; and

WHEREAS, there is a need in New Jersey to bring awareness to crash responder safety and the dangers of failing to abide by laws established to protect first responders and motorists at crash scenes;

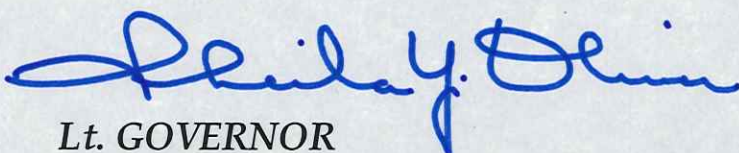
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

NOVEMBER 14 THROUGH NOVEMBER 18, 2022
AS
CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

in New Jersey.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this twenty-seventh day of October in the year two thousand twenty-two, the two hundred forty-seventh year of the Independence of the United States.


Lt. GOVERNOR


GOVERNOR



A Proclamation by the Governor

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, road maintenance crews, public service utility workers, and tow operators place themselves in danger every time they work within inches of vehicles traveling at highway speeds to conduct valuable, life-saving operations in adverse weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we promote safer incident scenes through public education and awareness to protect all responders as they courageously work to clear incidents; and

WHEREAS, Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) serves as an opportunity for the Department of Public Safety - Nevada Highway Patrol Division (DPS-NHP), the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), and other first responder agencies to participate in coordinated efforts to educate the public and bring awareness to first responder safety, and to promote effective Traffic Incident Management strategies and training for first responders; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada reminds drivers of the "Move Over" law (NRS 484B.607) which states, "if possible, drive in a lane that is not adjacent to the lane where the traffic incident is located, unless roadway, traffic, weather, or other conditions make doing so unsafe or impossible"; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, less than 30% of Americans are aware of move-over laws, and fail to abide by them; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is committed to effective traffic incident response and management through collaboration and training, which reduces the duration and impacts of traffic incidents and improves the safety of motorists, crash victims, and emergency responders; and

WHEREAS, over 1,400 first responders have participated in Nevada Traffic Incident Management Coalition efforts throughout the state since 2014, and 71% of all first responders in Nevada have received Traffic Incident Management training; and

WHEREAS, during Crash Responder Week, the State of Nevada remembers and honors those national first responders who lost their lives in 2021: 30 Law Enforcement, 9 Fire/EMS, 22 Tow Operators, 2 Road-Side Technicians, 2 DOT/SSP, for a total of 65 first responders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVE SISOLAK, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14 - 18, 2022, as

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK IN NEVADA



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed at the State Capitol in Carson City, this 24th day of October 2022.

By the Governor:

Governor

Baileana K. Cogouste
Secretary of State

By

Scott W. Anderson
Deputy



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee recognizes the need for Emergency Responders of many agencies and disciplines to respond at any hour, to all types of vehicle crashes throughout Tennessee in an effort to provide traffic control, emergency medical care, rescue, extrication, fire suppression, and other necessary actions such that may limit or prevent loss of life, injury, or discomfort to any persons; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the positive actions taken by these crash responders reduces the negative impacts that these vehicle crashes create to the responders themselves, to the citizens, and visitors of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, we further recognize the crash responder's serious need for public awareness to inform and educate the citizens and visitors to our state about the difficult work and dangerous environments these crash responders face; and

WHEREAS, we recognize crash responders across the State of Tennessee and their commitment to keep themselves safe, to keep the motoring public safe in their travels, and to lessen the negative impacts to safety, commerce, and quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bill Lee, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of November 14-18, 2022 as

Crash Responder Awareness Week

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this twenty-ninth day of June, 2022.

Bill Lee

Governor

Heather Holt

Secretary of State



GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

Glenn Youngkin

STRENGTHEN THE SPIRIT OF VIRGINIA



CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION

By virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution of Virginia in the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, there is hereby officially recognized:

National Crash Responder Safety Week

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia is committed to efficient traffic incident response and management, which reduces the duration and impacts of traffic crashes and improves the safety of motorists, crash victims, and emergency responders; and,

WHEREAS, National Crash Responder Safety Week provides an opportunity for the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police, Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, and emergency responders to share coordinated information regarding traffic incident management and education efforts; and,

WHEREAS, emergency responders are working at or near traffic crashes tirelessly, often within inches of motorists travelling at highway speeds; and,

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth supports the promotion of safer crash scenes that protect all emergency responders, including state and local law enforcement, career and volunteer fire and rescue services, transportation agencies, local departments of public works, towing and recovery operators, state and local emergency management, hazmat material responders, medical examiners, and other state agency partners; and,

WHEREAS, motorists are urged to reduce speed or move over and use caution when approaching crash scenes, and/or when they see flashing blue, red, and amber emergency vehicle lighting; and,

WHEREAS, National Crash Responder Safety Week serves as a reminder of the critical importance of planned and coordinated efforts to detect, respond to, and clear traffic crashes so that traffic flow may be restored as safely and quickly as possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Glenn Youngkin, do hereby recognize November 14-18, 2022, as **NATIONAL CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK** in our COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.




Governor


Secretary of the Commonwealth

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; Wisconsin's emergency responders work tirelessly to save lives and keep the state's highways safe, responding to approximately 134,700 traffic crashes statewide every year; and

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

WHEREAS; all drivers have 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 defined emergency zones; and

WHEREAS; this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in encouraging all Wisconsinites to learn more about highway crash safety and to recognize the hard work of the state's emergency responders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim November 14 – 18, 2022, as

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 14th day of October 2022.


TONY EVERS
GOVERNOR

By the Governor,


DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State