
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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COOPER, GALLAGHER AND DELLOSO, MARCH 2, 2026

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 3, 2026

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the week of April 20 through 24, 2026, 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's recognition will focus the week's events
18 on the theme "Safe actions, save lives"; and

19 WHEREAS, This year's events include "Work Zone Safety
20 Training Day" on Monday, April 20, a national kickoff event
21 hosted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on
22 Tuesday, April 21, "Go Orange Day" on Wednesday, April 22, a
23 social media storm on Thursday, April 23, and the Moment of
24 Silence on Friday, April 24; and

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

29 WHEREAS, In 2023, the most recent year in which national data
30 is available, there were 898 people killed and 40,170 people

1 injured in work zone crashes; and

2 WHEREAS, The remainder and vast majority of those killed were
3 motorists and their passengers; and

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation of the Commonwealth
5 reports that in 2024 there were 1,250 crashes in work zones
6 across this Commonwealth, resulting in 22 fatalities; therefore
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
9 week of April 20 through 24, 2026, as "National Work Zone
10 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

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