



The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland
WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK
APRIL 15-19, 2024

WHEREAS, Maryland and other states across the nation have participated in National Work Zone Awareness Week since 2000 to raise awareness about the importance of driving safely through work zones and to support the workers who tirelessly keep our roads safe and maintained so everyone can have access to employment, health care, leisure activities and life's opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has been selected as the host state for the 2024 National Work Zone Awareness Week observance, April 15-19, with the Maryland Department of Transportation organizing a weeklong schedule of events to raise awareness and promote participation within the transportation community and the public; and

WHEREAS, Maryland has demonstrated leadership by promoting and innovating work zone safety through the formation of the Work Zone Safety Work Group, comprised of industry leaders in the public and private sector and chaired by Lieutenant Governor Aruna Miller, resulting in a series of recommendations to improve work zone safety for workers and the public; and

WHEREAS, Transportation facilities not only connect users to life's opportunities but also shape the communities where we live due to the courageous work of those who call our roadways their offices, including construction and maintenance workers, traffic engineers, traffic operations personnel, law enforcement officers and emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, Maryland honors those who have been injured or lost their lives while working on our roads, including those dedicated to improving, maintaining and patrolling our roadways; and

WHEREAS, Maryland is entering a construction season for transportation projects across the state, and every roadway user must do everything they can to protect individuals working along our roadways and those traveling in work zones; and

WHEREAS, Most crashes in work zones are preventable and are not accidents, and driver behaviors must change to ensure workers return home safely to their families every day; and

WHEREAS, Work zones are temporary and necessary, but actions behind the wheel can last forever, and Maryland is dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of driving safely in work zones and encouraging motorists to slow down, move over, drive sober, stay alert, avoid distractions and obey signage in work zones to prevent crashes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim April 15 - 19, 2024 **WORK ZONE AWARENESS 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 15th day of April
Two Thousand and twenty-four


Governor

Aruna Miller

A. Governor



Secretary of State

