

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual reminder at the start of construction season to raise public awareness and encourage safe driving through highway work zones; and

WHEREAS, during National Work Zone Awareness Week, national, state, and local organizations work collaboratively and partner on work zone and roadway safety continually raising awareness of work zone safety; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge, appreciate, and recognize the health, safety, and well-being of our highway construction and maintenance workers which include but is not limited to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Pennsylvania's municipal staff, Construction Industry partners, Consultant Industry partners, utilities, Pennsylvania State Police, emergency response personnel and other stakeholders who have a critical role in improving our highways; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, Pennsylvania had approximately 1,392 crashes in work zones resulting in 12 fatalities and 806 injuries, and PennDOT had 43 pieces of damaged equipment and 428 documented work zone intrusions which led to 16 injuries; and

WHEREAS, Act 38 of 2023 allows for the Work Zone Speed Safety Camera Program to be a work zone safety tool that ensures motorists are not egregiously traveling over the posted speed limit. In 2025, units were deployed to 3,141 maintenance and construction active work zones resulting in 305,779 violations; and

WHEREAS, 75 Pa. C.S. §3326 defines the duty and responsibility of a driver in construction and maintenance areas; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania asks all road users to do their part while traveling through work zones to reduce fatalities and injuries by obeying posted speed limits, staying alert, eliminating distractions, not tailgating and watching for roadway workers, their equipment, and vehicles on the side of the road in work zones.

Therefore, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim April 20-24, 2026, to be

### WORK ZONE SAFETY AND AWARENESS WEEK

in recognition of the strength and resilience of our Pennsylvania highway construction and maintenance workers and their commitment to the safety of our roadways.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this ninth day of April two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro