



## National Lieutenant Governors Association

### 1        **Resolution Recognizing National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW)**

2        **WHEREAS**, National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is an annual spring campaign held at the  
3 start of roadway construction season to encourage safe driving through work zones. The key message is for  
4 drivers to use extra caution in work zones, and

5        **WHEREAS**, NWZAW is a way to raise public awareness for work zones and those who work in them.  
6 Motorists are encouraged to slow to posted speed limits, eliminate distractions while driving, and be  
7 watchful for roadway workers, their equipment, and vehicles on the side of the road in work zones, and

8        **WHEREAS**, during NWZAW national organizations such as the American Traffic Safety Services  
9 Association (ATSSA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the American Association of State  
10 Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and a wide variety of partners work collaboratively to  
11 increase awareness of work zone safety, and

12        **WHEREAS**, road work is recognized as a hazardous occupation, and there are still a considerable number of  
13 individuals injured or killed in roadway work zones each year, and

14        **WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation, in 2019 there were 842 work zone  
15 fatalities in the United States, and

16        **WHEREAS**, the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation (The Foundation), a non-profit that supports  
17 the families of those who have lost loved ones in roadway work zone incidents, has a National  
18 Work Zone Memorial (The Memorial) which honors those lives that been lost. Currently, The Memorial  
19 lists more than 1,500 names of fallen roadway workers and others killed in work zones and travels around the  
20 country each year to serve as a tribute to those killed and raise awareness of work zone safety.

21        **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association hereby  
22 encourages motorists to slow to posted speed limits, eliminate distractions while driving, and be watchful for  
23 roadway workers, their equipment, and vehicles on the side of the road in work zones.

24        **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the National Lieutenant Governors Association recognizes National  
25 Work Zone Awareness Week each year and encourages states and territories to increase awareness of  
26 NWZAW and promote roadway safety to constituents and communities.

ADOPTED, this day, the \_\_\_ of March, 2022.

Sponsors: Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist (D – Michigan), Lt. Governor Adam Gregg (R – Iowa), Lt. Governor  
Bethany Hall-Long (D – Delaware), Lt. Governor Jon Husted (R – Ohio), Lt. Governor Billy Nungesser (R –  
Louisiana)