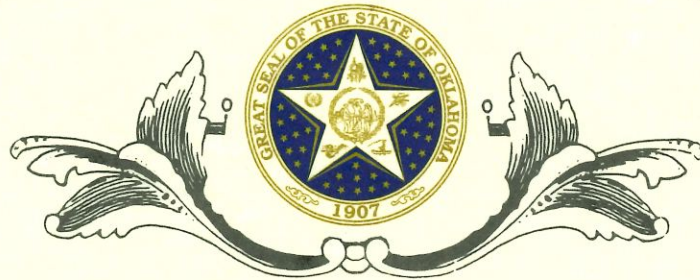


STATE OF OKLAHOMA



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, the State of Oklahoma is dedicated to providing a strong transportation infrastructure system for travel and commerce on both the local and national levels; and

Whereas, the construction and maintenance of Oklahoma highways, interstates and turnpikes must often be done while roads are still under traffic, where both motorists and highway workers must share the road; and

Whereas, a work zone can be unexpected and temporary during emergency repairs or crashes, placing crews and responders in direct contact with traffic; and

Whereas, in its history, 72 Oklahoma Department of Transportation and Oklahoma Turnpike Authority employees have been killed in the line of duty, more than any other state agency except the military; and

Whereas, hundreds of collisions occur in works zones annually, and many of these fatalities and injuries were caused by inattentive driving, following too closely, and speeding in construction zones. Tragically, motorists are far more likely to be injured or killed in work zones annually than highway workers; and

Whereas, crashes in highway and turnpike work zones can have significant consequences such as increased congestion; economic impacts for lost time and insurance costs as well as life-changing impacts; and

Whereas, by state law the fines for speeding in work zones are doubled and texting while driving is banned; drivers are asked to remain vigilant behind the wheel and buckle up as 50% of crashes potentially would have been less severe for drivers wearing a seat belt; and

Whereas, ODOT and OTA are highlighting work zone awareness during a month-long public safety initiative with the theme of Make It Home Safe; Make Oklahoma Safe;

Now Therefore, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim April 15th – 19th, 2024,
as

“Oklahoma Work Zone Awareness Week”

in the State of Oklahoma

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.



Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this eleventh day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-four, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and sixteenth year.

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST: