
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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AND COSTA, MARCH 26, 2018

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, MARCH 26, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of April 9 through 13, 2018, as "Work Zone
2 Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, There were more than 100 fatalities and 9,300
4 crashes in Pennsylvania's work zones between 2012 and 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Eighty-eight workers for the Department of
6 Transportation have lost their lives in the line of duty since
7 1970; and

8 WHEREAS, Forty-one workers of the Pennsylvania Turnpike
9 Commission have died while performing their duties; and

10 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has witnessed too many lives lost and
11 people severely injured, which also places a significant burden
12 on our communities and families; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal statistics show drivers to be the most
14 frequent fatality in work zone crashes, and the most common type
15 of work zone crashes are rear-end crashes; and

16 WHEREAS, Drivers in this Commonwealth can anticipate

1 traveling through a variety of work zones, particularly in
2 warmer weather, throughout our interconnected, interdependent
3 road system; and

4 WHEREAS, Drivers in Pennsylvania should obey all traffic laws
5 and best practices when entering and passing through work zones,
6 including, but not limited to, driving the posted speed limit,
7 avoiding distractions and paying close attention to signs and
8 workers; and

9 WHEREAS, The General Assembly has taken action in the past to
10 reinforce our commitment to work zone safety and should continue
11 focusing on legislative priorities that bring our workers home
12 safely every day; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of April 9
14 through 13, 2018, as "Work Zone Awareness Week" in Pennsylvania;
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all drivers in Pennsylvania to
17 be vigilant of the dangers of disobeying traffic laws in work
18 zones to improve the traffic safety conditions for our workers
19 throughout this Commonwealth.