

PROCLAMATION

WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, Roadway drivers and workers are valuable human resources that should be protected and kept safe; and,

WHEREAS, Roadway workers strive to improve the safety and efficiency of the streets, utility lines, bridges, and highways in Colorado and across the nation; and,

WHEREAS, Drivers are asked to pay extra attention when driving through cone zone roadways to help ensure the safety of roadway workers; and,

WHEREAS, in the course of a few seconds, a distracted driver can devastate a roadway worker's life and family by texting, applying makeup or shaving, eating or drinking, talking on a cell phone, adjusting music, picking up items off the car floor or seat, engaging with passengers, kids, and pets, or reading a map while also operating a motor vehicle; and,

WHEREAS, more than 600 persons are killed, and another 37,000 persons are injured in work zone crashes each year across the country—or in other words, an average of 7 motorists and 1 highway worker is killed in any given five-day work week; and,

WHEREAS, there were 15 work zone fatalities in Colorado during 2017—many of which could have been prevented; and,

WHEREAS, Colorado traffic fines double in work zones; and,

WHEREAS, Colorado's roadway workers include heavy equipment operators, maintenance personnel, utility workers, pipefitters, flaggers, truck drivers, asphalt pavers, snowplow drivers, administrative workers, engineers, traffic control technicians and suppliers; and,

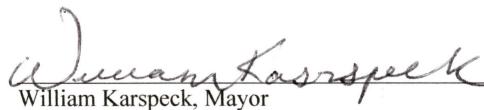
WHEREAS, there is occasion to recognize and honor the important role that Colorado's roadway workers serve in keeping our state's roads safe and in good condition;

NOW THEREFORE, I William Karspeck, Mayor of the Town of Berthoud, do hereby proclaim the period between April 8, 2019 and April 12, 2019, as

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in the Town of Berthoud.

Given under my hand in these free United States in the Town of Berthoud, on this 26th day of March 2019, and to which I have caused the Seal of the Town of Berthoud to be affixed and have made this proclamation public.



William Karspeck, Mayor

