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Arkansas Participates in National Work Zone Awareness Week

LITTLE ROCK (4-5) – The Arkansas Department of Transportation (AR DOT) is participating in National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW), April 8-12. This week is a national safety campaign observed each spring, traditionally the start of construction season, to encourage safe driving through highway work zones. This year’s national theme is, “Drive Like You Work Here.”

There were 2,085 crashes in Arkansas work zones in 2017. These statistics further demonstrate the importance of raising awareness of work zone safety. Work Zone Awareness Week spreads the message that work zone safety is everyone’s responsibility.

AR DOT will host a media event Monday, April 8 at Kanis Park in Little Rock at 10:00 a.m. During the event, AR DOT will unveil signs to launch the “Slow Down. Move Over. Work With Us” campaign. These signs will be placed in major work zones across the State, advocating that motorists collaborate with the Department by being safe and responsible drivers.

Governor Asa Hutchinson has signed a proclamation designating April 8-12 as Work Zone Awareness Week in Arkansas (see attached). As part of NWZAW, The Big Dam Bridge, Two Rivers Pedestrian Bridge, the Main Street Bridge in downtown Little Rock, and the Union Plaza Building will be lit with orange lights in observance of the campaign. Promotional posters will be on display around the State Capitol building for the entire week, and AR DOT will promote work zone safety through appearances at the Northwest Arkansas Natural’s baseball game at Arvest Park in Springdale on **April 9th** and at the Arkansas Traveler’s game at Dickey-Stephens Park in North Little Rock on **April 11th**.



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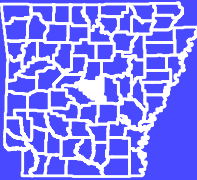
Arkansas' 2019 Work Zone Awareness Week partners include the Arkansas Chapter of the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA), Arkansas Chapter, Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), the Arkansas Asphalt Pavement Association (AAPA), Arkansas Good Roads Foundation, and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

National Work Zone Awareness Week was formed by ATSSA, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the FHWA.

Work Zone Awareness Week Media Event

From I-630 take Exit 6A
Follow Rodney Parham Rd to Kanis Park Rd
Use Kanis Park Road to enter the park
Proceed to the event site

Media Event Site



STATE OF ARKANSAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME – GREETINGS:

WHEREAS: The State of Arkansas recognizes that construction, maintenance, and repairs must often be done on roads alongside traffic, putting both motorists and workers at risk every day; and

WHEREAS: The responsibility that comes with driving a motor vehicle and the importance of maintaining safe and smart driving habits on our roadways, including work zone safety, are essential for all drivers; and

WHEREAS: It is vital for passenger and commercial vehicles to safely co-exist on our roads and highways and for drivers of those vehicles to be aware and undistracted as they drive; and

WHEREAS: Drivers must also be cognizant of the hazards encountered when driving through highway construction and maintenance work zones;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ASA HUTCHINSON, Governor of the State of Arkansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, do hereby proclaim April 8th through April 12th, 2019, as

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across the State, and I encourage my fellow citizens to be aware of work zone dangers and safe-driving strategies in order to prevent tragic accidents in work zones on Arkansas's roadways.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Arkansas to be affixed this 29th day of January, in the year of our Lord 2019.



Asa Hutchinson, Governor



Attest:



John Thurston, Secretary Of State