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CITY OF MANITOWOC

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, Wisconsin's emergency responders work tirelessly to save lives and keep the state's highways safe, responding to more than 130,000 traffic crashes in Wisconsin every year; and
- WHEREAS, at every crash scene, emergency responders—representing fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and towing and transportation services—are at risk of being struck and injured, or even killed, in a secondary crash; and
- WHEREAS, each driver has a responsibility to drive safely and take every precaution to reduce the risk of secondary crashes, which includes following the state's Move Over Law, designed to provide a safety zone for workers on the side of roadways; and
- WHEREAS, 2021 Wisconsin Act 115 added additional protections for workers on Wisconsin's roads by creating a criminal penalty for traffic violations that lead to injuries in designated emergency zones; and
- WHEREAS, this week, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in encouraging all Wisconsinites to learn more about highway crash safety and to recognize the hard work of the state's emergency responders'
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN M. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Manitowoc, in recognition of this event, do hereby proclaim the week of November 13<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as

## CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

and ask all citizens to support this worthy initiative.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Manitowoc to be affixed. Done at City Hall in the City of Manitowoc this 21st day of October, Twenty Twenty-Four.

Justin M. Nickels, Mayor