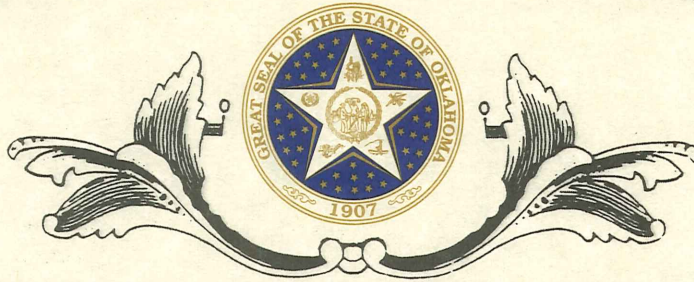


# STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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**, in 2021, 20 people were killed and 261 were injured in more than 1,557 collisions in Oklahoma work zones and many of these fatalities and injuries were caused by inattentive driving, following too closely and speeding in construction zones; and

**Whereas**, in the past five years, 91 people were killed and 1,455 people were injured in more than 8,088 collisions in highway or turnpike work zones; 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 for two weeks among a year-round public safety initiative Safety: It's Not Just About You;

**Now Therefore**, I, Governor J. Kevin Stitt, do hereby proclaim April 4 - 15, 2022 as

**"Oklahoma Work Zone Awareness Weeks"**

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 twenty-third day of March, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-two, and of the State of Oklahoma in the one hundred and fourteenth year.*

ATTEST:

*Brian Benjamin*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

*J. Kevin Stitt*  
GOVERNOR