

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 75

Rep. Shannon offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 17-21, 2023, as National Work  
2 Zone Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, According to the Michigan Department of  
4 Transportation, there were 5,814 total work zone crashes, 65  
5 serious injuries and 20 fatalities in our state in 2021. This is  
6 slightly higher than the deaths in previous years; and

7 Whereas, The Federal Highway Administration says that in 2020,  
8 the most recent year for which statistics are available throughout  
9 the country, 857 people were killed nationwide in work zones- a 1.4  
10 percent increase from 2019. The vast majority, 80 percent, were  
11 drivers or their passengers; and

12 Whereas, An average of 832 people die every year nationwide in

1 such crashes, which are often due to driver inattention, according  
2 to federal highway authorities; and

3       Whereas, The Michigan Department of Transportation stated that  
4 the number one cause of crashes is due to traffic lanes being  
5 closed and the second leading cause is due to work on the shoulder  
6 of the road; and

7       Whereas, Nationally, around 80 percent of fatalities in road  
8 work zones involve drivers and their passengers - not road workers,  
9 who are involved in 20 percent of the deaths; and

10       Whereas, We recognize National Work Zone Awareness Week in  
11 memory of all who have died in work zone crashes; now, therefore,  
12 be it

13       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of  
14 this legislative body declare April 17-21, 2023, as National Work  
15 Zone Awareness Week in the state of Michigan. We urge all  
16 Michiganders to slow down, follow all posted signs, be alert, and  
17 drive safely through work zones.