

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

**WHEREAS**, every year in the United States, traffic incidents endanger both the public and first responders, leading to tragic losses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2023, the City of Appleton experienced 1,216 crashes resulting in 358 injuries, highlighting the continued need for roadway safety measures in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Appleton recognizes the critical importance of ensuring the safety of all responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and tow operators, who risk their lives to respond to traffic incidents, provide emergency services, and protect the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) sponsors Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) to raise awareness about the simple steps that drivers can take to keep both responders and the public safe around traffic incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, WisDOT's Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) Program continues to promote public awareness through education, social media, and in-person events; and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for this year's CRSW, "Responders Ahead! Reduce Your Speed As You Proceed," emphasizes the need for drivers to slow down, move over, and remain vigilant when approaching crash scenes or emergency vehicles; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Appleton joins the Federal Highway Administration, WisDOT, and other municipalities across Wisconsin in supporting this vital initiative to protect those who protect us.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2024, as

## Crash Responder Safety Week

in the City of Appleton and encourage all residents, drivers, and organizations to observe this week by practicing safe driving behaviors, raising awareness, and supporting the safety of our first responders.

Signed and sealed this 22nd day of October 2024.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON