



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Mike Thoms

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, highway and street construction work, as well as repairs to roadways are often completed while the roadways are open to traffic, putting both motorist and workers at risk every day; and
- WHEREAS, public works, law enforcement, firefighters, EMTs and other emergency personnel put themselves in harm's way on the roads each day during the performance of their duties; and
- WHEREAS, workers diligently continue to improve, rebuild, and maintain roadways so that motorists can safely and effectively travel; and
- WHEREAS, accidents can be prevented by setting aside distractions, using extra cautions, reducing speeds, and giving work zones your undivided attention while motoring; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island is dedicated to ensuring the safety of workers, motorists, passengers, bicyclist, and pedestrians while in work zones; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island reminds motorists the importance of always maintaining safe, smart driving habits during the construction season and while operating a motor vehicle; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Rock Island also reminds motorists that "hands on" use of cellphones, as well as sending, reading, or composing electronic messages while driving is unsafe for everyone, and that motorists should slow down and change lanes, if possible, when approaching an emergency, construction, or maintenance vehicle that is stationary and/or displaying flashing lights; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mike Thoms, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17-21, 2023 as

NATIONAL WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Rock Island. We urge all citizens to practice safe, responsible driving while traveling on the roadways year-round and especially during construction season.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2023.



Mike Thoms, Mayor

