

RESOLUTION NO. R-024- 125

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

**A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18, 2024 AS
COLORADO CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK**

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers, firefighters, public service utility, emergency medical personnel, road crews, and tow operators conduct valuable and often life-saving operations at the roadside; and

WHEREAS, these on-scene personnel provide a critical public service; and

WHEREAS, they are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse weather conditions, and in a dangerous roadside environment; and

WHEREAS, Colorado responders use Traffic Incident Management (TIM) training and skills to safely and quickly clear scenes to improve the safety of all road users; and

WHEREAS, as of September 23, 2024, during this year, 28 first responders that were working on the roadway have been struck and killed, including 13 law enforcement officers, 3 Fire/EMS professionals, 7 tow operators, 1 road safety professional, and 4 Colorado Department of Transportation workers; and

WHEREAS, one death is too many; and

WHEREAS, drunk, drugged, drowsy, distracted, and dangerous drivers are a threat to our responders' safety; and

WHEREAS, all road users should do their part to keep everyone responding to traffic incidents on our highways safe by slowing down, moving over, and driving cautiously; and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado has a "Move-Over" law requiring drivers to slow down and move over when approaching an emergency vehicle, a tow truck, or a highway maintenance vehicle when their emergency lights are activated; and


WHEREAS, there is a need for Coloradans to be educated on the dangers of failing to abide by these laws; and

WHEREAS, the week of November 18th to 22nd is recognized nationally as "Crash Responder Safety Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO, hereby declares the week of November 18, 2024, as Colorado Crash Responder Safety Week.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of November 2024 in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, COLORADO

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