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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize April 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as “National Work Zone Awareness Week” in the state of Montana in remembrance of Jeffrey Dyekman, Billings District Engineering Project Manager, who was tragically hit and killed while working along I-90 South in Billings.

Over half of the 2018 crashes in work zones took place in an activity area where construction and operations occur. The top crash results by type were rear end crashes, fixed object, loss of control and side swipes. Of the 200 crashes recorded in 2018, approximately 42% occurred with a Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) employee or contractor in proximity.

I commend MDT for their commitment to safety and wanting everyone on Montana roadways, behind the wheel or working the orange barrels, to return home safely. We all have a vested interest in safe work zones, and by working together, we can prevent work zone crashes, injuries, and fatalities in Montana. As the busy road work and summer driving season approaches, I am asking all Montanans to be “Work Zone Alert” and drive without distractions and remember to slow down.

I encourage all Montanans to recognize “National Work Zone Awareness Week” and join me in asking every Montanan to take the pledge and be alert in work zones.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature of Steve Bullock, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor