

# COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



## PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Crash Responder Safety Week affords a unique opportunity for every Traffic Incident Management (TIM) community member to make a difference individually and jointly for roadway safety during traffic incidents; and

WHEREAS, our health, safety, and well-being are often dependent on the commitment of all first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency medical personnel, safety service patrol operators, PennDOT and public works crews, and tow operators who respond to traffic incidents and conduct valuable and often life-saving operations on the roadside; and

WHEREAS, these on-scene personnel provide a critical public service and are called to duty at all hours of the day and night, in adverse conditions, and in a dangerous roadside environment; and

WHEREAS, responder and response vehicle strikes also result in life-altering injury or death of the involved motorist and passengers, and place road users at greater risk of a crash; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Move Over Law, Act 105 of 2020, requires drivers approaching an emergency response area who are unable to safely merge into a lane farther away from the response area to pass the emergency response area at a speed of no more than twenty miles per hour less than the posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania asks all road users to do their part in keeping everyone who responds to traffic incidents safe by following the Slow Down, Move Over and Driver Removal laws.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2024, to be

### CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

In recognition of the strength and resilience of our Pennsylvania first responders and their commitment to the safety and security of our roadways.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twelfth day of November two thousand twenty-four, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred forty-ninth.

Governor Josh Shapiro