



PROCLAMATION

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

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 Department of Transportation workers, two of which were Colorado DOT employees; 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, the State of Colorado asks all road users to do their part to keep everyone responding to traffic incidents on our highways safe by slowing down, moving over, and driving safe; 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";

THEREFORE, I, **Tracy Engerman, Mayor** of the City of Castle Pines, do hereby proclaim November 18th to 22nd, 2024 as:

"COLORADO CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK"

and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance and remember that

RESPONDERS AHEAD. REDUCE YOUR SPEED AS YOU PROCEED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Castle Pines to be affixed this 5th day of November, 2024.

Attest:

Tobi Duffey, MMC
City Clerk

Tracy Engerman (Nov 12, 2024 09:32 MST)

Tracy Engerman
Mayor