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Go Orange for National Work Zone Awareness Week

Kansas will “Go Orange” this week as buildings, bridges and fountains will be lit in orange and people will wear orange to help raise awareness of work zone safety.

Governor Laura Kelly has officially proclaimed April 15-19 as National Work Zone Awareness Week in Kansas. The proclamation reminds motorists that slowing down, staying alert, minimizing distractions and being patient in roadway work zones can mean the difference between life and death.

People are encouraged to wear something orange all week, but especially on **Go Orange Day in Kansas on Wednesday, April 17**, to show support and appreciation for highway workers and their efforts.

Kansas Department of Transportation Secretary Calvin Reed has a blog today that will kick off a four-part video series. In the videos, KDOT highway workers share experiences and family members talk about their fears of loved ones being struck while in work zones.

Check out Secretary Reed’s blog and the video series at <http://kansastransportation.blogspot.com/search/label/NWZAW%202024>.

Numerous KDOT buildings and other locations across the state are lit in orange during National Work Zone Awareness Week including:

- **Governor’s Mansion** in Topeka
- **Visitors Center** in the Capitol
- Front of the **Topeka City Hall** building
- **Evergy Plaza** in Topeka
- Downtown **Kansas Avenue** lights in Topeka
- **Bridge** at I-35/119th Street in Olathe
- **City of Neodesha** fountain
- **Bridges** at U.S. 54/Webb Road junction and U.S. 54/Greenwich Road in Wichita
- **Travel Information Center** on I-70 near Goodland

- **Kansas Turnpike Authority** buildings in Topeka and Wichita

Message signs across the state will also promote work zone safety.

The Go Orange effort is part of National Work Zone Awareness Week, a national safety campaign that KDOT and numerous partner organizations participate in every year. The campaign highlights the dangers faced by highway workers and motorists in work zones and promotes safer behaviors.



Photo - KDOT employees at the Gage office in Topeka wear orange and yellow safety colors to show their support for all highway workers across Kansas during National Work Zone Awareness Week.

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