# [JURISDICTION], Rural Road Safety Awareness Week Proclamation (example)

## July 14-18, 2025

WHEREAS, “Post-Crash Care: Big League Safety” is the theme for the National Center for Rural Road Safety’s 2025 Rural Road Safety Awareness Week; and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Office of Emergency Medical Services, 911 dispatched EMS [to 1.5 million crashes](https://www.ems.gov/assets/NHTSA-Post-Crash-Care-Infographic-2024.pdf) in 2022. Of the 42,514 people who died in traffic crashes, [42% were alive](https://www.ems.gov/assets/NHTSA-Post-Crash-Care-Infographic-2024.pdf) when first responders arrived; and,

WHEREAS, death rates [increase by 3%](https://nemsis.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Post-Crash-Care_EMS-Response-to-MVC-Injuries-March-2023.pdf) for every minute medical response is delayed, which is especially critical in rural and Tribal communities where response times are longer due to larger jurisdictions, and EMS resources are usually more limited; and,

WHEREAS, post-crash care improves the chances of surviving a crash by expediting access to medical care and prioritizes site safety and secondary crash prevention; and,

WHEREAS, post-crash care is the final safety net of the [Safe System Approach](https://ruralsafetycenter.org/resources/safe-system-approach/); and,

WHEREAS, we thus call on everyone to do their part in fostering the success of post-crash care, including deploying [**proven safety countermeasures**](https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures) to prevent crashes from occurring, promoting education about the roles of first responders and the life-saving value of **donating blood**, providing or participating in [**“stop the bleed”**](https://www.stopthebleed.org/) training, observing [**Move Over**](https://www.nhtsa.gov/move-over-its-law) campaigns, and **slowing down** **near crash sites** where first responders are present; and

WHEREAS, we also encourage our partner agencies in [JURISDICTION] to take steps to promote post-crash care efforts.

WHEREAS, in conclusion, we reiterate that the safety of our citizens is our top priority. By working together and raising awareness of post-crash care, we can reduce fatalities and serious injuries and get everyone home safely.

*Proclamation Statement*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, [NAME OF OFFICIAL, TITLE OF OFFICIAL] do hereby proclaim July 14-18, 2025, Rural Road Safety Awareness Week.

I encourage all [JURISDICTION RESIDENTS] to take advantage of the resources from the [NAME OF ORGANIZATION] and to commit to practicing safe driving behaviors in support of post-crash care.

*Official Signature and Seal*

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF** I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of [JURISDICTION] to be herein affixed.

Done at the [LOCATION], this [DAY] day of [MONTH], the year of [YEAR].