

Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day[®]
October 10, 2009

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

October 10, 2009, has been declared *Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day*[®] by the (TITLE OR NAME OF CITY, COUNTY, STATE OR ORGANIZATION);

- WHEREAS, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused nearly 40,000 fatalities in 2008, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 3 to 34; and,
- WHEREAS, In New Jersey, 591 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2008; and,
- WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes accounted for 26 percent of the State's traffic fatalities; and,
- WHEREAS, Unsafe speed was a factor in more than 22,000 crashes; and,
- WHEREAS, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and,
- WHEREAS, 78 motorcyclists, 21 bicyclists and 135 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2008; and,
- WHEREAS, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never drinking and driving; wearing proper safety gear when riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths on our roadways;

Now, therefore, I (NAME OF ELECTED OFFICIAL) (TITLE OR NAME OF CITY, COUNTY, STATE OR ORGANIZATION), do hereby proclaim October 10, 2009, *Put The Brakes On Fatalities Day*[®], and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.