

**Proclamation Designating
October 10, 2016 as
"Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®"**

WHEREAS, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused 35,092 fatalities in 2015, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, 562 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2015; and

WHEREAS, alcohol-related crashes accounted for 28.0 percent of the State's traffic fatalities, while 26 percent of all fatal crashes involved traveling at unsafe speeds; 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, 50 motorcyclists, 17 bicyclists and 173 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors; never driving impaired; wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and, focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Robert Klingel, Mayor of the Township of Washington, County of Warren, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2016 as "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.


Robert Klingel, Mayor