

**Proclamation Designating
October 10, 2018 as
"Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day®"**

WHEREAS, across the nation, traffic crashes caused 37,461 fatalities in 2016, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, 604 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2016; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian related crashes accounted for 27.3 percent of the State's traffic fatalities; 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, 66 motorcyclists, 18 bicyclists and 165 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2016; 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, 2018 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

ATTEST:

Ann Kilduff, RMC, Township Clerk