

# Proclamation

**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, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that I, **Michael Giordano Jr.**, Mayor of the Borough of North Plainfield, do hereby proclaim October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as:

***Put The Brakes on Fatalities Day***

and call upon the people of North Plainfield to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.

  
Michael Giordano Jr., Mayor  
October 1, 2009

