

Proclamation



Pam Iorio, Mayor

WHEREAS, traffic crashes in the United States took 553,746 lives in the last thirteen years including 41,059 in 2007. Here in Florida, traffic crashes claimed 3,214 lives in 2007 – and a total of 39,719 lives from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people ages 6 to 33 with alcohol related crashes accounting for 32% of all fatalities; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 2.49 million people were injured in traffic crashes in the United States in 2007 and these roadway deaths and injuries cost society approximately \$230.6 billion a year; and

WHEREAS, safer driving behaviors such as the use of seat belts, driving sober, obeying traffic laws, and being a courteous and defensive driver would dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, October 10, 2008 is the Eighth Annual “Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day” and the City of Tampa is proud to participate in this nationwide effort to help save lives on our city’s roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Pam Iorio, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim Friday, October 10, 2008 as

“PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY”

in the City of Tampa, Florida, and urge all citizens to renew their commitment to traffic safety and to help save lives by promoting safe driving behaviors and by sharing these important messages throughout our community.

Dated in Tampa, Florida, this 10th day of October, 2008.



Mayor

