

PROCLAMATION

Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 21 – June 3, 2018

Whereas, there were 626 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2017; and

Whereas, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

Whereas, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

Whereas, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 21 – June 3, 2018 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

Whereas, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 94% to 95.5%; and

Whereas, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

Therefore, be it resolved that I, Richard LaBarbiera, Mayor of The Borough of Paramus along with the Borough Council declares it's support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 21 – June 3, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.



Mayor Richard A. LaBarbiera