

# Township of (Anytown, Anystate)

## *A Proclamation by the Mayor*



**Whereas**, the citizens of the Township of (Anytown) and its surrounding areas are vitally important to the welfare of our community; and

**Whereas**, a large segment of these citizens ride in motor vehicles, operate motorcycles, use bicycles and walk on our city streets, use area highways and other thoroughfares; and

**Whereas**, (X number) of residents in (Anystate) were killed in motor vehicle crashes during 2001; and

**Whereas**, the Township of (Anytown) and its community commemorate these losses by participating in the activities associated with the World Health Organization's *World Health Day*; and

**Whereas**, obeying speed limits and restrictions on driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, wearing motorcycle and bicycle helmets, using seat belts every time one rides in a car, and protecting children by placing them in age-appropriate safety seats and restraints in the back seat of a vehicle are strategies that have been proven to significantly reduce and prevent traffic-related injuries and deaths, thereby reducing the cost of providing health care services; and

**Whereas**, road traffic safety behaviors are supported by the laws of (Anystate);

NOW, THEREFORE I, (ANYNAME) MAYOR, of the Township of (Anytown, Anystate), do hereby proclaim April 7, 2004 as

World Health Day 2004  
"Family Road Safety: Protect the Ones You Love"

and call for collaboration among offices of highway safety, departments of public health, and local organizations to coordinate activities that raise awareness about these tragic and preventable injuries. I also urge all citizens of (Anytown) and its surrounding community to recognize and appreciate the vital contributions that road traffic safety behaviors make to the well-being of our community and its citizens' health care by using seat belts, helmets and age-appropriate child passenger restraints, following speed limits, and not driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs this month and always.

# Motor Vehicle Deaths by State, 2001

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Deaths</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Deaths</u>
Alabama	1,113	Montana	223
Alaska	141	Nebraska	287
Arizona	1,134	Nevada	364
Arkansas	694	New Hampshire	157
California	4,281	New Jersey	1,518
Colorado	810	New Mexico	463
Connecticut	413	New York	3,827
Delaware	129	North Carolina	1,718
District of Columbia	71	North Dakota	119
Florida	3,255	Ohio	1,544
Georgia	1,719	Oklahoma	779
Hawaii	156	Oregon	547
Idaho	273	Pennsylvania	1,752
Illinois	1,713	Rhode Island	120
Indiana	1,015	South Carolina	1,065
Iowa	464	South Dakota	195
Kansas	566	Tennessee	1,361
Kentucky	885	Texas	4,144
Louisiana	1,066	Utah	338
Maine	220	Vermont	100
Maryland	817	Virginia	1,134
Massachusetts	690	Washington	833
Michigan	1,509	West Virginia	387
Minnesota	665	Wisconsin	872
Mississippi	867	Wyoming	154
Missouri	1,160		

These numbers may be useful to place in mayoral proclamations; newsletters, and press releases.

**Source:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) [Online].(2004). National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (producer). Available from: URL: [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars)