

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Proclamation

Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 22 –
June 4, 2023

Whereas, there were 694 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2022; 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 22 – June 4, 2023 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 94.5% 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 Hopewell Township declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 – June 4, 2023 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Dated this 15th day of May 2023



Michael Ruger
Mayor