

TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Proclamation

Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 20 – June 2, 2024

Whereas, there were 612 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2023; 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 20 – June 2, 2024 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 for seat belt usage rate of no less than 92 percent; 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 it's support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 20 – June 2, 2024 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Dated this 20th day of May 2024

Courtney Peters-Manning
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Mayor