

Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day October 10, 2008

To the People of Franklin County, Greetings:

WHEREAS, Traffic crashes cause more than 43,000 fatalities each year nationwide and are the leading cause of death for people ages 3 to 33; and

WHEREAS, Traffic crashes in Kansas killed 416 people last year; and

WHEREAS, More than 60 percent of all people killed in vehicle crashes in Kansas in 2007 were totally unrestrained; and

WHEREAS, Alcohol-related crashes account for 28 percent of all traffic fatalities in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Deaths and injuries on U.S. highway cost society more than \$150 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, Safe driving behaviors such as the use of seat belts, not drinking and driving and obeying traffic laws would dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, The continued development of safer vehicles and protective traffic safety equipment, such as helmets, will enhance people's ability to protect themselves and their families from preventable and tragic permanent injuries and deaths:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Karen S. Farrell, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2008, as,

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in Franklin County, Kansas and call upon everyone to help save lives by spreading these important messages throughout our communities.

Karen S. Farrell
Chairperson