

*Office of the Mayor*  
*Township of Bordentown*

*Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, Across the nation, traffic crashes caused 37,461 fatalities in 2016, and are the leading cause of death for young people ages 15 to 34; and

**WHEREAS**, In New Jersey, 604 individuals lost their lives in traffic crashes in 2016; and

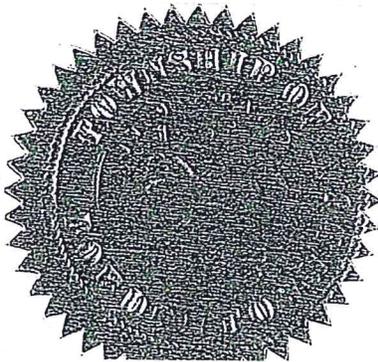
**WHEREAS**, Pedestrian related crashes accounted for 27.3 percent of the State's traffic fatalities; and

**WHEREAS**, Motorcyclists, bicycle riders and pedestrians face increased risks on New Jersey's roadways, as people opt for alternative modes of transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, 66 motorcyclists, 18 bicyclists and 165 pedestrians were killed in New Jersey in traffic-related crashes in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, Safer driving behaviors such as buckling up, every ride; obeying posted speed limits; stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks and using crosswalks when walking; avoiding aggressive driving behaviors, never driving impaired, wearing proper safety gear while riding a motorcycle or bicycle; and focusing solely on driving by avoiding distractions, can dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Steve Benowitz, Mayor of Bordentown Township, County of Burlington, state of New Jersey do hereby proclaim October 10, 2018, **Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day**, and call upon everyone to put these lifesaving behaviors into practice to improve safety on the roadways in our community and throughout the State.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Benowitz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a prominent flourish at the end.

Steve Benowitz, Mayor