RESOLUTION 2011-142

THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUPPORTS AND ENCOURAGES

"PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY"

WHEREAS, traffic crashes have declined in recent years, however annually they continue to cause about 34,000 fatalities, 2.3 million injuries and have been the leading cause of death for children ages 3 through 14;

WHEREAS, in 2008, more than half (55%) of passenger vehicle occupants killed in traffic crashes were unrestrained; however, child restraints saved 244 children under age 5 and seat belts saved 13,244 others;

WHEREAS, driver inattention, primarily caused by use of cell phones and drowsiness, has become one of the leading factors in crashes (80%) and near crashes (60%);

WHEREAS, in 2008, alcohol-related crashes account for 37% of all traffic fatalities;

WHEREAS, in 2008, speeding was a contributing factor in 22% of all fatal crashes;

WHEREAS, in 2008, large trucks were involved in 8% of all fatal crashes with 74% being occupants of other vehicles, 10% non-occupants and 16% occupants of large trucks;

WHEREAS, in 2008, motorcycles accounted for 11% of all fatalities with 41% of riders and 51% of passengers not wearing helmets at the time of the crash;

WHEREAS, the economic cost alone of motor vehicle crashes in 200 was $230.6 billion (noted in recently published data);

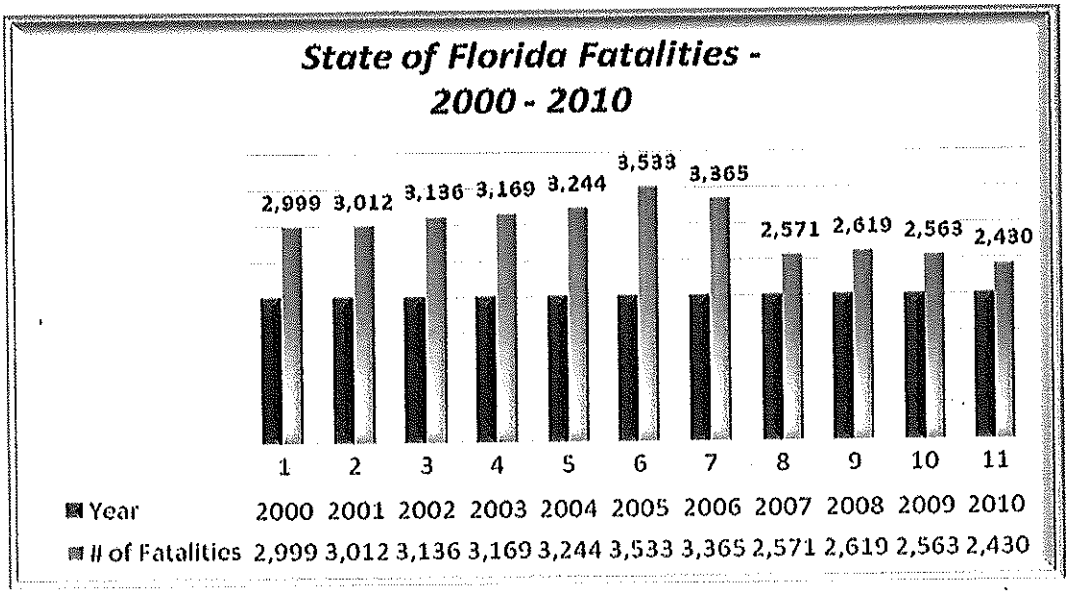
WHEREAS, poor road conditions and obsolete highways need to be addressed in order to reduce highway deaths. The use of cost-effective roadway safety improvements such as all-weather signing and markings, traffic signals, skid resistant pavements and removal of roadside hazards could also greatly reduce the number of traffic crashes;

WHEREAS, the use of safer driving behaviors such as not talking or text messaging on cell phones, the use of seat belts and helmets (motorcycles), not drinking and driving, and obeying traffic laws would dramatically reduce the number of traffic-related injuries and deaths;

WHEREAS, the continued development of safer vehicles and protective safety equipment for motorcycles (such as helmets) will enhance people's ability to protect themselves and their families from preventable and tragic permanent injuries and death;

WHEREAS, due to traffic crashes, thirty-seven (37) lives were taken in Lake County in 2010.

STATE OF FLORIDA FATALITIES										
2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
2,999	3,012	3,136	3,169	3,244	3,533	3,365	2,571	2,619	2,563	2,430



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, that:

Section 1. The Lake County Board of County Commissioners wishes to recognize the weekend of Friday, October 7, 2011 through Monday, October 10, 2011 as "Put the Brakes on Fatalities Weekend", in honor of national recognition on October 10, 2011.

Section 2. A copy of this resolution shall be spread upon the Minutes of this meeting.

Section 3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

DONE AND RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, in regular session, this **20th day of September 2011**.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jennifer Hill, Chairman

ATTEST:

Neil Kelly, Clerk to the
Board of County Commissioners
Lake County, Florida

Approved as to Form and Legal
Sufficiency:

Sanford A. Minkoff, County Attorney