



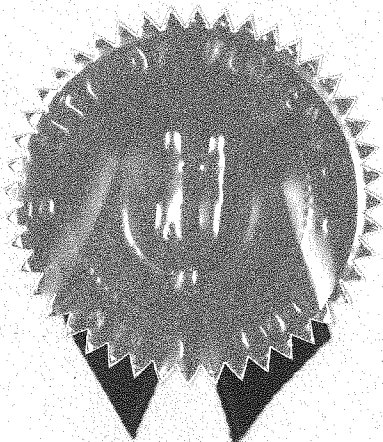
PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, each year approximately 567,000 people go to the hospital emergency departments with bicycle related injuries; and
- WHEREAS, approximately 350,000 of those injured are children under the age of 15 and approximately 130,000 of those children injured sustain brain injuries; and
- WHEREAS, statistics show that between 70 and 80% of all fatal bicycle crashes involve brain injuries; and
- WHEREAS, in 2004, estimated emergency room head injuries included 151,024 from bicycles; 18,742 from skateboards, 14,218 from horseback riding, 8450 from showboarding, and 3,511 from skating; and
- WHEREAS, each year, bicycle related crashes kill about 900 people with about 200 of those killed are children under the age of 15; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is one of 28 states that have no state laws requiring cyclists of any age to wear helmets; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diane E. Whalen, Mayor of the City of Florence, Kentucky do hereby proclaim May 12, 2012, as

"Helmet Safety Awareness Day"

in the City of Florence and we urge all citizens to work together to prevent brain injuries, to educate others about the affects of brain injury and to support brain injury survivors and their families.





Diane E. Whalen, Mayor