



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

*PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY*

WHEREAS, *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* was first held on October 10, 2001 to deliver messages to the public about major causes of traffic fatalities and their avoidance, and to advocate improvements to traffic safety laws; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes in the State of Florida claimed 30,701 lives this decade, including 2,444 fatalities in 2010; and

WHEREAS, securing children in a correctly installed child safety seat is one of the most important things that we can do every day to protect a child's life, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, booster seats for children who outgrow their forward facing car seats increase a child's chance of surviving a crash injury- free; and

WHEREAS, spinal cord damage, internal bleeding, brain trauma and possible death are more likely in crashes that involve young children who are unrestrained or not restrained in the appropriate child safety seat for the child; and

WHEREAS, children age 12 and younger should sit in the back seat of a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Florida's children deserve to be protected; and

WHEREAS, October 10, 2011 is the 11<sup>th</sup> annual *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* and the State of Florida is proud to participate in this nationwide effort to reduce fatalities on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the state of Florida, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2011 as *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day* in the State of Florida and call upon all residents to help save lives by safely restraining our children and by sharing these important messages with family, friends and co-workers.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year two thousand eleven.

  
Governor