

Monday, May 22, 2023

RESOLUTION NO. 103–23

Offered by Councilor **HUGHES** Seconded by Councilor

Resolution Supporting the *Click It or Ticket*Mobilization of May 22 – June 4, 2023

WHEREAS, there were 694 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2022; and

WHEREAS, approximately 40% of the motor vehicle occupants killed in those traffic crashes were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, use of a seat belt remains the most effective way to avoid death or serious injury in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 135,000 lives were saved by safety belt usage nationally between 1975-2000; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization from May 22 – June 4, 2023 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of high visibility enforcement and public education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of further increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 93%; and

WHEREAS, a further increase in seat belt usage in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Glen Ridge declares it's support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 22 through June 4, 2023 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.