



***~A RESOLUTION ON REDUCING FATALITIES ON FLORIDA'S
HIGHWAYS~***

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Florida Transportation Commission to provide leadership on issues related to Florida's statewide transportation system; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary functions of the Florida Transportation Commission is to recommend major transportation policies for the Governor's approval, and assure that approved policies are properly executed; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Transportation Commission adopted very aggressive performance objectives related to Highway Safety in its 2006 Highway Safety Report dated December 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and its transportation safety partners adopted a goal of "achieving a five percent annual reduction in the rate of fatalities and serious injuries beginning in 2007", as incorporated in the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan dated September 6, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation states that "improving the safety of the transportation system is among the state's highest commitments to its residents and visitors"; and

WHEREAS, 3,221 fatalities occurred in Florida in 2007 as a result of traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, the rate of fatal crashes involving young drivers (under 25 years of age) is twice the rate (115%) of the fatal crash rate of older drivers (25 years of age or older); and

WHEREAS, alcohol related fatal crashes account for 38% of all fatal crashes; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks number two nationally in the number of fatalities of vulnerable road users (651 bicyclists and pedestrians in 2007);

BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida Transportation Commission supports the goal of the Florida Strategic Highway Safety Plan of reducing fatalities by 5% annually but also challenges the Florida Department of Transportation and its Highway Safety Partners to meet the following goals by the end of calendar year 2011:

1. Reduce the rate of fatal crashes by young drivers (under 25 years of age) to no more than 50% above the rate for drivers 25 years and older;
2. Reduce the rate of alcohol-related crashes to less than 30% of total crashes; and,
3. Reduce fatalities of vulnerable road users (bicyclists and pedestrians) by 10% annually;

Signed this 14th day of January, 2009



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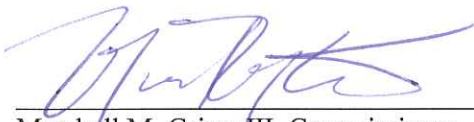
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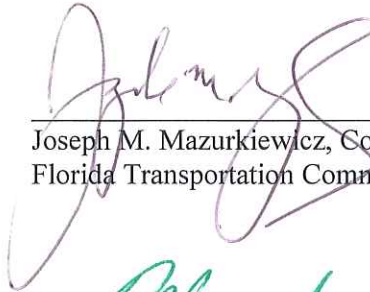
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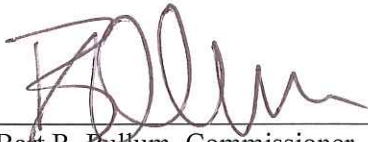
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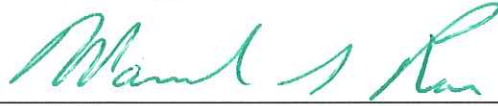
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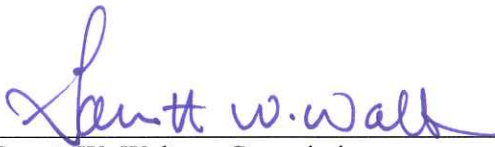
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