Resolution 2014-05-098 Resolution Supporting the *Click It or Ticket* Mobilization of May 19 – June 1, 2014

WHEREAS, there were 545 motor vehicle fatalities in New Jersey in 2013; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the motor vehicle occupants killed in 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 19 – June 1, 2014 in an effort to raise awareness and increase seat belt usage through a combination of enforcement and education; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Highway Traffic Safety has set a goal of increasing the seat belt usage rate in the state from the current level of 91% to 92%; and

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

THEREFORE, **NOW BE IT RESOLVED** that *Lumberton* **Township** declares its support for the *Click It or Ticket* seat belt mobilization both locally and nationally from May 19 – June 1, 2014 and pledges to increase awareness of the mobilization and the benefits of seat belt use.

Adopted: May 20, 2014

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