

City of Jonesboro Proclamation By The Mayor

BUCKLE UP AMERICA! WEEK, MAY 21-28, 1990

WHEREAS, MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES ARE THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FOR PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF ONE AND 34 IN THE UNITED STATES--MORE THAN 50,000 IN 1980 AND 47,093 IN 1988; AND WHEREAS, MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES ARE THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH OF CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF SIX MONTHS OF AGE IN THE UNITED STATES; ;AND

WHEREAS, WHEN USED, LAP AND SHOULDER SAFETY BELTS CAN REDUCE THE RISK OF FATAL OR SERIOUS OCCUPANT INJURY BY BETWEEN 40 AND 55 PERCENT; AND

WHEREAS, MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES ARE THE LEADING TRAUMA-RELATED CAUSE OF SPINAL CORD INJURIES, EPILEPSY AND MENTAL RETARDATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CURRENT NATIONWIDE ECONOMIC LOSSES RESULTING FROM TRAFFIC CRASHES EXCEED \$74 BILLION EACH YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, THE USE OF SAFETY BELTS AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS ARE KNOWN TO BE ONE OF THE BEST DEFENSES AGAINST THE DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVER; AND

WHEREAS, 33 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAVE SAFETY BELT USE LAWS AND ALL 50 STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HAVE ENACTED LAWS REQUIRING THE USE OF CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SYSTEMS; AND

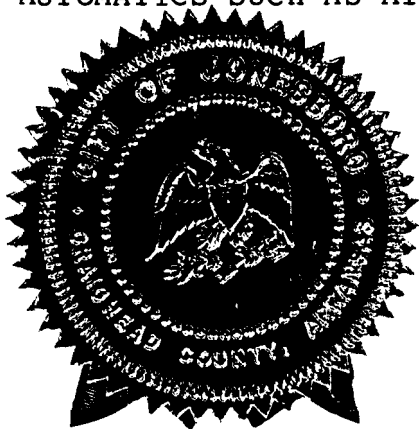
WHEREAS, THE BUCKLE UP AMERICA! WEEK, DESIGNATED FOR MAY 21-28, 1990 AS A NATIONWIDE CHALLENGE, WILL GIVE COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THE CORRECT USE OF SAFETY BELTS AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS BY FOCUSING PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE LIFESAVING BENEFITS OF THESE SYSTEMS, INCLUDING AUTOMATIC BELT SYSTEMS AND AIR BAGS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF JONESBORO WILL JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT NATIONWIDE PROGRAM, BUCKLE UP AMERICA!, AND CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS TO ESTABLISH A GOAL OF ALWAYS BUCKLING UP WHEN TRAVELING IN MOTOR VEHICLES.

I, HUBERT BRODELL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, IN RECOGNITION OF THIS LIFESAVING OPPORTUNITY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE WEEK OF MAY 21-28, 1990 AS

"BUCKLE UP AMERICA! WEEK"

AND ENCOURAGE THE COMMUNITY TO OBSERVE THE WEEK WITH APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS, CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES TO INCREASE CORRECT USE OF SAFETY BELTS AND CHILD SAFETY SEATS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE "WINNING COMBINATION" THESE SYSTEMS FORM WITH THE NEW AUTOMATICS SUCH AS AIR BAGS.



Hubert Brodell
HUBERT BRODELL, MAYOR