

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Board of Trustees are committed to enhancing the livability of the Town of Berthoud by creating a safe walking environment and reducing the number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities; and

Whereas, many people choose to live or work in Berthoud because of the Town's commitment to ensuring that everyone of all ages can safely and easily walk to their destinations, whether it be work or school, shopping or eating out, for exercise, for recreation, or to get to a transit stop; and

Whereas, traffic fatalities and accidents involving pedestrians increased in 2016 according to the Colorado Department of Transportation bringing greater awareness to the issue of pedestrian safety; and

Whereas, most pedestrian-vehicle crashes are caused by drivers failing to yield or being distracted, or by pedestrians not paying attention, crossing mid-block or ignoring traffic signals; and

Whereas, state law requires that drivers stop for crossing pedestrians at marked crosswalks and at all intersections, and that pedestrians obey all signs and signals at intersections that have them; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees in collaboration with the Larimer County Sheriff's Office have been working to bring awareness to the issue of pedestrian safety and distracted driving.

Now, therefore, I, Steve Mulvihill, Mayor of the Town of Berthoud, Colorado, do hereby proclaim the month of May, 2017 to be

Pedestrian Safety Awareness Month in the Town of Berthoud; and

Further, urge all citizens and visitors in Berthoud to be vigilant as both drivers and pedestrians and work to prevent traffic accidents of all kinds.

Signed this 25th day of April, 2017


Steve Mulvihill, Mayor

