



Proclamation

WHEREAS, October was established as Crosswalk Safety Awareness Month by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, this month was designated in an effort to protect pedestrians and motorists from harm at crosswalks, as over 6,500 people were struck and killed while walking nationally; and

WHEREAS, approximately every 120 minutes a pedestrian is killed in our country from injuries cause by a traffic accident, and pedestrians are injured every 9 minutes by a vehicle in public traffic areas; and

WHEREAS, by law, drivers are required to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing streets in marked or unmarked crosswalks in most situations; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to honor those who have fallen victim to these types of incidents who have been struck, injured, and even killed crosswalk accidents; and

WHEREAS, the death toll of pedestrians in Okaloosa County has risen in the past few years as the result of crosswalk accidents. Hundreds of our citizens have been killed in our County and it is time to make our community aware of the importance of utilizing safe driving techniques and pedestrians paying closer attention to the traffic around their path; and

NOW, THEREFORE I, JB Whitten, Mayor of the City of Crestview, Florida, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022 as

CROSSWALK SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH

in Crestview, Florida. I urge my fellow citizens in schools, homes, and offices to discuss crosswalk safety and right-of-way yielding mandates, as increasing driver and pedestrian awareness is a way of preventing future incidents to occur in our city.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY:

**Mayor JB Whitten
City of Crestview**