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STATE OF ALABAMA

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Injury in Alabama: A Focus on Prevention, 2005

By the Governor of the State of Alabama
A Proclamation
March 28, 2005

WHEREAS, injuries affect everyone, regardless of age, race or economic status, and are a substantial and preventable public health problem; and

WHEREAS, injury is the leading cause of death for children and young adults in Alabama 1 -34 years of age; and

WHEREAS, injury deaths reveal only part of the problem, as thousands sustain injuries each year and survive; and

WHEREAS, our most vulnerable population, our children, are at risk and the safety of our children is a significant concern for all Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, the only known cure is prevention, and prevention saves lives, prevents disabilities and improves the overall health status of Alabamians; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama has established an Injury Prevention Advisory Council dedicated to reducing unintentional and intentional injury in our state through education and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Injury Advisory Council has developed an Injury Prevention Plan: Injury in Alabama, A Focus on Prevention; and

WHEREAS, the State of Alabama wishes to acknowledge the individuals and agencies throughout our state who work toward creating and maintaining safe communities and homes; and

WHEREAS, the Injury Advisory Council will begin a public education campaign in April to implement the Injury Prevention Plan thereby reducing injuries, disabilities and deaths due to bicycle-related crashes, falls, motor vehicle crashes, residential fires, domestic violence, sexual assault, suicide, and youth violence:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Riley, Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim Injury in Alabama: A Focus on Prevention as the state plan to support injury prevention and encourage all citizens to learn more about injury prevention and become partners in this important endeavor to reduce injuries and death.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and the Great Seal of the Governor's Office at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on the 28th day of March 2005.