



PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Impaired Driving Prevention Month December 2023

- WHEREAS:** Alcohol is a major factor in traffic accidents. Based on data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there is an alcohol-impaired traffic fatality every 39 minutes; and
- WHEREAS:** The Middletown Municipal Alliance is joining other national, state, and local highway safety and law enforcement officials to remind everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each holiday party or event involving alcohol; and
- WHEREAS:** The holiday season is supposed to be a time for family, friends, and festive celebrations, but unfortunately it is also a time when we see a tragic jump in the number of alcohol and drug-related highway fatalities each year; and
- WHEREAS:** December is nationally designated as **Impaired Driving Prevention Month** to help underscore the public's commitment to preventing impaired driving and promoting the use of designated drivers and sober ride programs; and
- WHEREAS:** The month of December and the New Year's Eve holiday are often highlighted by significant increases in state and local law enforcement efforts to combat impaired driving such as the use of sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols; and
- WHEREAS:** Driving impaired or riding with someone who is impaired is not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can also be devastating. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim that December 2023 be known as **Impaired Driving Prevention Month** in the Township of Middletown. Be it further proclaimed that Middletown Township supports the designation of sober drivers and safe ride activities as valuable weapons in the battle against impaired driving.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this fourth day of December in the year two thousand twenty-three*

Mayor Tony Perry