## Village of Wheeling PROCLAMATION

## Click It or Ticket May 23 – June 5, 2011

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the residents of the Village of Wheeling and surrounding areas are vitally important; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of our residents regularly drive or ride in motor vehicles on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes killed 925 people in Illinois during 2010, and 271 of those deaths involved vehicle occupants who were not using seat belts; and

WHEREAS, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to protect people and to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, the use of seat belts is supported by the laws of the State of Illinois and the Village of Wheeling, and

WHEREAS, May 23 through June 5, 2011 has been selected as the national Click It or Ticket mobilization enforcement period; and

WHEREAS, across the country law enforcement officers will actively be participating in the mobilization to ensure all motor vehicle occupants are buckled up day and night to reduce the risk of injury and death caused in traffic crashes; and

WHEREAS, increased enforcement of seat belt laws coupled with publicity has proven to be an effective method to increase seat belt use rates and decrease fatal crashes;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, do hereby proclaim May 23 to June 5, 2011, as the Click It or Ticket Mobilization in the Village of Wheeling and urge all residents to always wear seat belts when driving or riding on our roadways.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

Judy Abruscato Village President

Village

Attest:

Elaine E. Simpson Village Clerk