

Proclamation
World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic victims is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year.

WHEREAS 1.19 million people lose their lives in traffic crashes across the world each year, and between 20 and 50 million more people who suffer non-fatal injuries and long term disabilities,

WHEREAS the United States motor vehicle crash death rate is the highest among all high-income countries,

WHEREAS the United States motor vehicle crash death rate is 2.3 times higher than the average of high-income countries, the death rate for those outside of motor vehicles is increasing even faster

WHEREAS people continue to die or be seriously injured in traffic crashes in Bend every year,

WHEREAS the traumatic aftermath of these injuries and deaths is especially heavy for the families, the survivors, communities of color, first responders, and health providers,

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention observes these deaths and injuries are preventable,

NOW, THEREFORE we the City Council of Bend, Oregon, hereby proclaim November 17, 2024, as The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims. We call upon those who work in the fields of planning, education and transportation to center safety for all road user and end victim-blaming to save lives and prevent serious injuries.

Dated November 6, 2024.

Melanie Kebler, Mayor

ATTEST:

Morgen Fry, City Recorder