

**TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 2-R-2005**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MEAD, COLORADO, URGING
THE COLORADO STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT STATE-WIDE
LEGISLATION TO MAKE SEAT BELT VIOLATIONS A PRIMARY
TRAFFIC OFFENSE.**

WHEREAS, the safety of its citizens is a primary responsibility of the Town of Mead, and of all communities; and

WHEREAS, all Counties and the State government have the same responsibility to the extent practical to protect their citizens; and

WHEREAS, traffic accidents are a leading cause of injury and death in our state; and

WHEREAS, Weld County, wherein Mead is located, experienced record traffic fatalities in the year 2004; and

WHEREAS, over one-half of the 92 persons killed in traffic accidents in Weld County in 2004 were not wearing a seat belt; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council estimates that 357 persons were killed in traffic accidents in the State of Colorado from 1995 through 2002 because the State of Colorado did not have a primary seat belt law in effect during those years; and

WHEREAS, in the 23 states that have passed a primary seat belt law, seat belt usage has increased by an average of 15% in the two years after the passage of the law compared to the usage two years prior to the passage of the law; and

WHEREAS, a large number of fatalities and serious injuries can be prevented if people wear their seat belts; and

WHEREAS, emergency services costs for police, fire, and ambulance personnel and equipment, as well as unnecessary medical expenses amount to millions of dollars per year because persons involved in traffic accidents are not wear seat belts; and

WHEREAS, traffic fatalities are a state-wide issue, and making seat belt violations a primary offense could most efficiently and fairly be handled by the Colorado Legislature adopting a state-wide primary seat belt law; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
THE TOWN OF MEAD, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO; THAT:**

Section 1. The Board of Trustees supports the concept of a state-wide primary seat belt law, and urges the Colorado State Legislature in the 2005 session to adopt an amendment to the Colorado Traffic Code making seat belt violations a primary traffic offense. This will enable law enforcement officers to pull over drivers, and ticket them and passengers who are observed as not wearing seat belts. By passing such legislation, the State Legislature will save lives and taxpayer dollars by significantly reducing the number of injuries and fatalities that do occur on Colorado roads.

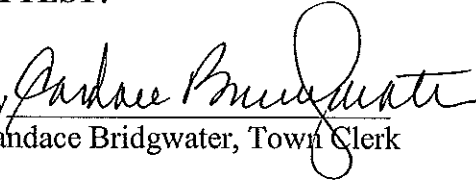
Section 2. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 3. Repealer. All resolutions, or parts thereof, in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed, provided that such repealer shall not repeal the repealer clauses of such resolution nor revive any resolution thereby.

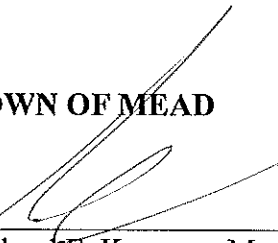
Section 4. Certification. The Town Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution and make not less than one copy of the adopted resolution available for inspection by the public during regular business hours.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10 th DAY OF January, 2005.

ATTEST:

By 
Candace Bridgwater, Town Clerk

TOWN OF MEAD

By 
Richard E. Kraemer, Mayor