

Whereas, National Teen Driver Safety Week will take place October 19th -25th, 2014; and

Whereas, Foley High School will be holding a "Safe Driving" campaign campus-wide during this time; and

Whereas, the community will be encouraged to make a "safe driving commitment" to support Foley High School at CelebrateMyDrive.com; and

Whereas, motor vehicle crashes are the number one cause of death for teenagers in Alabama and the United States; and

Whereas, Alabama ranks #2 in the nation for teen fatalities caused by motor vehicle accidents; and

Whereas, teen drivers ages (16-19) are involved in fatal crashes at four times the rate of adult drivers (25-69); and

Whereas, research tells us the high risk factors to teen drivers are inexperience, distractions, speed, driving at night and not buckling up; and

Whereas, Foley High School's "Safe Driving" campaign in recognition of National Teen Driver Safety Week 2014 endeavors to help parents and teens reduce the high-risk situations for novice drivers and others all year long; and

Whereas, by working together with community partners including Frances Holk-Jones – State Farm, WHEP 1310 AM & 92.5 FM, and Little Bitty's Towing, we can save teen lives in our community;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor John Koniar and fellow Council Members, do hereby proclaim October 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as "**Teen Driver Safety Week**" in the City of Foley and I commend this observance to all citizens.

