# [JURISDICTION], Rural Road Safety Awareness Week Proclamation (example)

## July 17-21, 2023

WHEREAS, “What’s Speed Got to Do With It” is the theme for the 2023 Rural Road Safety Awareness Week; and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2020, of the 16,665 rural traffic fatalities, 4,717 (or 28%) were killed in speeding-related crashes; and,

WHEREAS, we call on all road users to do their part in promoting safe driving habits. This includes being mindful of their own driving speeds, reminding others to avoid speeding, and supporting initiatives aimed at reducing speeding-related crashes; and,

WHEREAS, we also encourage jurisdictional and local governments to take steps to decrease the dangers of speeding on rural roads. This may include increasing awareness through public service announcements, reducing speeds on high-risk roads, increasing enforcement efforts, and installing warning signs in high-risk areas; and,

WHEREAS, we recognize the critical role technology can play in reducing speeding-related crashes. We urge jurisdictional and local transportation agencies to explore rural intelligent transportation system tools that address speed, such as speed warning systems; and,

WHEREAS, in conclusion, we reiterate that the safety of our citizens is our top priority. By working together and taking a proactive approach to reducing speeding on rural roads, we can prevent needless fatalities and injuries and create a safer and more secure future for all Americans.

*Proclamation Statement*

**NOW, THEREFORE,** be it resolved that I, [NAME OF OFFICIAL, TITLE OF OFFICIAL] do hereby proclaim July 17-21, 2023, Rural Road Safety Awareness Week.

I encourage all [JURISDICTION RESIDENTS] to take advantage of the resources from the [NAME OF ORGANIZATION] and to commit to slowing down and practicing safe driving habits.

*Official Signature and Seal*

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF** I hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of [JURISDICTION] to be herein affixed.

Done at the [LOCATION], this [DAY] day of [MONTH], the year of [YEAR].