

STATE OF DELAWARE



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

STATEMENT IN OBSERVANCE OF WATCH OUT FOR WILDLIFE AWARENESS WEEK

Whereas, native wildlife is an integral part of Delaware's natural environment, cultural heritage, and wildlife related recreation; and

Whereas, wildlife populations serve as an indicator for the overall health of Delaware's statewide ecosystem; and

Whereas, each year in the U.S. more than 200 people are killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions, 26,000 are injured and more than 1.5 million animals are hit on roads; and

Whereas, in a study performed by State Farm in 2010, the likelihood of a specific vehicle striking a deer in Delaware is 1 in 149; and

Whereas, the average cost of property damage from these collisions is over \$1 billion, and the total cost to society annually is \$8.4 billion; and

Whereas, the success of wildlife movement and survival in Delaware remains dependent upon continued public education and increased understanding of the essential role migration corridors play in wildlife movement.

*Now, Therefore, We, Jack A. Markell, Governor,
and Matthew Denn, Lieutenant Governor,
do hereby declare September 18th – 24th, 2011*

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in the State of Delaware, and urge all drivers to be alert to wildlife near roadways.



Jack Markell

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