



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the safety and security of the citizens of Vicksburg, MS and surrounding areas are vitally important; and

**WHEREAS**, a large percentage of our citizens regularly drive or ride in motor vehicles on our roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of seat belts in passenger vehicles saved an estimated 13,941 lives in 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, regular seat belt use is the single most effective way to reduce fatalities in motor vehicle --crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of seat belts is supported by the laws of **Mississippi, City of Vicksburg**; and

**WHEREAS**, May 22 through June 5, 2017, has been selected as the ***Click It or Ticket*** mobilization enforcement period; and

**WHEREAS**, across the country law enforcement officers will actively be participating in the mobilization to ensure all motor vehicle occupants are buckled up day and night to reduce the risk of injury and death caused in traffic crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, increased enforcement of seatbelt laws coupled with publicity has proven to be an effective method to increase seat belt use rates and decrease fatal crashes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, George Flaggs, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Vicksburg, for and on behalf of the Honorable Michael A. Mayfield, Sr., North Ward Alderman and the Honorable Willis T. Thompson, South Ward Alderman, do hereby proclaim and announce May 22 through June 4, 2017 as the ***Click It or Ticket It*** seat belt mobilization in Vicksburg, MS, and urge all citizens to always wear seat belts when driving or riding on our roadways.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Vicksburg, Mississippi to be affixed on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand seventeen.

**Signed this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017.**

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George Flaggs, Jr., Mayor

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Michael A. Mayfield, Sr. Alderman

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Willis T. Thompson, Alderman