

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State offers residents and visitors unlimited traveling and sightseeing opportunities, with the warm weather season welcoming millions of motorists to various regions of the state; maintaining a safe and sound vehicle is critical and requires regular automotive upkeep and preventative care in order to avoid more serious problems with a vehicle's internal and external parts; and

Whereas, across the state's 62 counties, thousands of miles of state and local highway are used daily by motorists and, in the summer season, it is important that New Yorkers take the time to check their vehicles for basic areas of safety and perform professionally recommended and required maintenance services; and

Whereas, routine maintenance is essential to keeping a vehicle running safer and longer, and during the warm weather months, there are specific areas of vehicle care that can prevent irreversible damage and, most important, ensure that a vehicle is operating at its optimum levels of safety for drivers, passengers, and other motorists; and

Experses, vehicle owners must always be sure that their tires are in good condition, radiator and brake fluids are sufficient, seat belts and air bags are functioning, their car is checked or inspected at a dealer or repair shop; warm weather maintenance includes: routine parts and fluid inspections; coolant exchange; filter (air, cabin air, fuel) replacement; timing belt replacement; transmission fluid exchange; spark plug replacement; axle fluid exchange; and tire rotations; and

Thereas, the website <u>www.safercar.gov</u> provides access to information motorists need to know about any recalls that may affect their vehicles and advises them to contact an authorized dealer to address the recall; and

Whereas, lapsing vehicle maintenance can lead to bigger problems, which is why routine upkeep is key to vehicle safety and longevity; all New Yorkers are encouraged to become more informed about vehicle maintenance and safety, and to take time to make sure their vehicles are road ready for the upcoming season of vacations, sightseeing, and excursions;

now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 22 - 29, 2017 as

VEHICLE SAFETY WEEK

in the Empire State.

at the day

under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this eighteenth day of May in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa