



Fremont County Board of Commissioners

Proclamation

IMPAIRED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH DECEMBER 2025

WHEREAS, impaired driving whether due to alcohol, over-the-counter or prescription medications, illicit drugs, or any other substance is a preventable public safety and public health crisis that exacts a heavy toll of devastating and life-changing consequences for individuals, families, and communities across our country and right here in Fremont County; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that, on average, 34 people are killed every day in motor vehicle crashes involving an alcohol-impaired driver in the United States that's one person every 42 minutes. In 2023 alone 12,429 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes while thousands of others were injured in collisions involving drivers impaired by alcohol and other drugs. All these tragedies were preventable; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving continues to claim lives in Colorado, where the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) reports that in 2023 a total of 716 people died in traffic crashes statewide and 218 of those deaths or 30.4% involved alcohol impairment. Moreover, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (COBI) reports that Colorado State Patrol and local law enforcement made 16,821 DUI arrests in 2023, highlighting the persistent need for education, enforcement and prevention; and

WHEREAS, Fremont County is no exception to this trend: The Fremont County Coroner's Office reports that in 2023 there were nine motor-vehicle-related fatalities in our county and that four of those deaths or 44.4% involved alcohol impairment. State court records show that local law enforcement made 1,579 arrests in 2023, 348 of which were DUIs, or 22% of the total. These sobering numbers highlight the urgent need for a concerted local effort to develop a coordinated prevention approach; and



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WHEREAS, the Fremont County Department of Public Health and Environment (FCDPHE) has a strong partnership with local law enforcement agencies and community partners and is diligently working to reduce the number of impaired-driving crashes in Fremont County through public awareness efforts, prevention activities, and community outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, no one agency or organization can stop impaired driving alone, and Fremont County is collaborating closely with local and statewide partners including CDOT, El Paso County, the Pikes Peak DUI Task Force, and the soon-to-be-launched Fremont County DUI Task Force to strengthen prevention efforts, save lives, and create a brighter and safer future for all our residents; and

WHEREAS, December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month, a time when we honor and remember those we have lost to impaired driving, support survivors and their families, and renew our collective commitment to ending this preventable tragedy through increased awareness, individual action, and collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED by the County Commissioners of Fremont County that December 2025 is hereby designated as Impaired Driving Awareness Month in Fremont County, Colorado. The commissioners encourage all residents to make responsible choices, never drive under the influence, support prevention initiatives, and work together to keep our roads safe for everyone.

Signed this 25th Day of November, 2025.

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