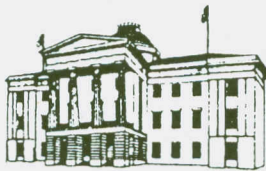


State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE
GOVERNOR

SAFE PET TRAVEL AWARENESS MONTH

2011

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 90 percent of pet owners travel with their pets; and

WHEREAS, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as well as AAA Auto Club, recommends that pet owners use restraints on dogs and cats to prevent harm to animals, drivers, passengers, other vehicles and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, pets should not ride in the front passenger seat because of the risk of injury from a deploying air bag; and

WHEREAS, in the event of a crash, restraining a pet prevents the pet from running off and possibly getting hit by another vehicle, causing another crash or causing distraction to first responders; and

WHEREAS, pet restraints include readily available harnesses, animal seat belts, travel crates and vehicle seats; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina recognizes the importance of restraining animals in vehicles to ensure safety on our roads;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2011, as "**SAFE PET TRAVEL AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina and urge our citizens to commend this observance.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eleven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-sixth.