The World Health Organization and the United Nations General Assembly believe that too many people are killed or injured as motorists are not careful or take unnecessary risks that place the lives of others at risk, especially pedestrians, bicyclists, and those operating motorcycles. The World Health Organization proclaimed that roadway deaths are so numerous that the United Nations General Assembly and the World Health Organization declared the decade from 2010 to 2020 as the Decade of Road Safety.

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims this year will be marked around the world on Sunday, Nov. 19. It is appropriate to mark that day in any way you personally wish to do so.

Some have suggested a noon prevailing time minute of silent reflection on the needless loss of life that occurs each day in every country around the globe. Some will organize events specifically for that day.

Some highlights of U.S. observances in 2016 are listed here:

**In Georgia**

Globally, road traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for people aged 15-29 years and claim more than 1.25 million lives each year. Urgent action is needed around the world.

- The CDC marked the occasion with Facebook and Twitter notifications and interactions
- A Gathering Walk was held
In New York

On Long Island, the New York Bicycling Coalition hosted a rally and bike ride to mark the day, with a focus on improving bicycle safety.

In Oregon

In Portland, a gathering vigil featured 406 pairs of shoes to signify the number of deaths in Oregon in 2016. Footprints drawn showed the predicted number of deaths by year’s end. A press conference featured responders and victims families.