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My Fellow South Dakotans:

I am pleased to present the 2010 South Dakota Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Summary. The information in this report is used to identify traffic safety problems and to implement effective counter-measures.

During 2010, motor vehicle crashes claimed the lives of 140 persons on our public roadways. Forty-nine of those deaths were alcohol-related. Over one-third of the lives claimed by alcohol-related crash deaths were persons under the age of 30!

Sadly, all of these deaths were preventable.

Although South Dakota fatality and injury rates are lower than some of our neighboring states, we need to stay focused on taking personal responsibility for safe driving habits and teaching our children to do the same.

Therefore, I ask you to set a good example by avoiding distracted driving, wearing seatbelts every time you get into your vehicle, using a designated driver if necessary, and encouraging family, friends and co-workers to do the same.

If each of us shares in these responsibilities, South Dakota will continue to be a safe place for its citizens and for the many visitors who travel our roadways each year.

Sincerely,

Dennis Daugaard

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