



The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is observed worldwide on every third Sunday in November **this year on 20th November 2011**

official theme:

'From Global Remembrance to Global Action across the Decade'
Let's make 2011-2020 a Decade to remember!

Victim organisations establish this day

Initiated and observed from 1993 by victim advocacy organisations under the umbrella of the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR), the aim of this Remembrance Day was to highlight the devastation caused by road crashes, give much needed recognition to the loss and suffering of the bereaved and injured, and to thank all those who assist victims in the aftermath of a crash.

UN General Assembly adopts the World Day on 26.10.2005

From 2003 onwards the World Health Organization has been supporting the recognition of this day by the United Nations. This became reality with the adoption of UN resolution 60/5 by the UN General Assembly, who welcomed ...*the proposal to designate the third Sunday in November as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims in recognition of road traffic victims' and their families' loss and suffering*, and invited 'Member States and the international community' to recognize this day.

European Parliament resolution of 27th Sept. 2011 asks to recognize World Day:

...*"Calls on the Commission and Member States officially to recognise the third Sunday in November as the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims, as the United Nations and World Health Organisation have already done, in order to raise public awareness of this issue; In other languages:* <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+TA+P7-TA-2011-0408+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN>

Global observance highlights global scale and impact

World Day observance has already spread to all continents, where it is extending to more countries with every year. This Day is significant for the bereaved and injured as well as all those whose work involves crash prevention or response to the aftermath: it offers the opportunity to highlight the huge scale and impact of road deaths and injuries and for taking action to stop the carnage.

Please join in the observance of World Day!

Further information:

Guide for organizers of events on World Day

http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/road_traffic/activities/remembrance_day/en/index.html

World Day website

www.worlddayofremembrance.org

Statement by UN Secretary General

http://www.who.int/roadsafety/remembrance_day/en/index.html

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