

RESOLUTION

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March 2, 2022

WHEREAS, April is known as National Distracted Driver Awareness Month, a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and eliminate preventable deaths and injuries on our roadways; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is driving while doing another activity that takes your attention away from driving. Actions that can contribute to distracted driving include eating, drinking, smoking, adjusting the radio, searching for an object in the vehicle, reading, writing and applying makeup, among others; and

WHEREAS, each day in the United States, approximately 8 people are killed and more than 100 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver; and

WHEREAS, about 1 in 5 of the people who died in crashes involving a distracted driver in 2018 were not in vehicles—they were walking, riding their bikes, or otherwise outside a vehicle; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2019 there were 3,142 people killed and an estimated additional 424,000 people injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers; and

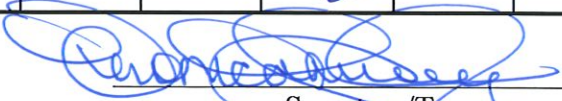
WHEREAS, using a cell phone while driving creates enormous potential for deaths and injuries on U.S. roads. Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's equivalent to driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed; and

WHEREAS, research has found that dialing a phone number while driving increases a teen's risk of crashing by six times, and texting while driving increases the risk by 23 times. Talking or texting on the phone takes a teen's focus off the task of driving, and significantly reduces their ability to react to a roadway hazard, incident, or inclement weather.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Board of Health that the month of April 2022 is hereby declared as National Distracted Drivers Month, and promotes addressing and eliminating distracted driving by educating all residents about the dangers it poses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Commissioners.

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Ayes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Abstain								
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Absent						✓		


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