

RESOLUTION

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March 1, 2023

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 talking on the phone, texting, 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, almost 100% of teens agree that texting and driving is dangerous, but half admitted to doing it anyway; and

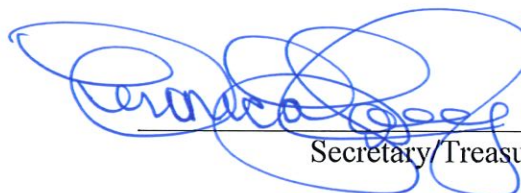
WHEREAS, using a cell phone while driving creates enormous potential for deaths and injuries on U.S. roads. Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that's equivalent to driving the length of an entire football field with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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ocean County Board of Health, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the month of April 2023 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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
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