

RESOLUTION

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March 20, 2024

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 has become a deadly epidemic on our roads. Cell phone use – specifically texting, talking and social media use – has become the most common distraction, robbing yourself of precious seconds that you may need to avoid a close call or deadly crash; 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, each day in the United States, more than 100 injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, distracted driving **killed 3,522** in the United States; and

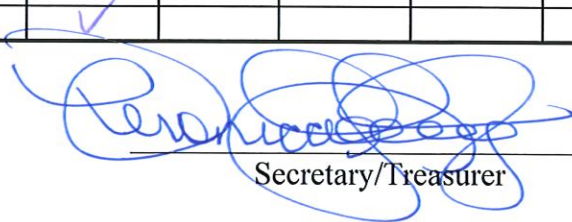
WHEREAS, almost 100% of teens agree that texting and driving is dangerous, but half admitted to doing it anyway; and

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 2024 is hereby declared as National Distracted Drivers Month, and promotes addressing and eliminating distracted driving by educating all residents about the dangers it poses; and

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

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