

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

Reps. Manoogian, Bellino, Filler, Hammoud, Pohutsky, Young, Aiyash, Cavanagh, Bolden, LaGrand, Koleszar, Neeley, Sneller, Ellison, Brabec, Clemente, Tyrone Carter, Witwer, Kuppa, Breen, Brixie, Cherry, Garza, Haadsma, Hope, Morse, Sabo, Shannon, Stone, Weiss and Whitsett offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare April 2021 as Distracted Driving
2 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, Distracted driving constitutes a serious threat to
4 public safety on Michigan's roads; and

5 Whereas, Distracted driving causes hundreds of thousands of
6 injuries and thousands of fatalities nationally every year.

7 According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,
8 distracted driving tragically claimed the lives of 3,142 Americans

1 in 2019, an increase of nearly 10 percent from the year prior; and

2 Whereas, We remember all of the lives lost to car accidents
3 caused by distracted driving, including the tragic loss of Mitchel
4 Kiefer in 2016; and

5 Whereas, Drivers from all socio-economic backgrounds, races,
6 ethnicities, genders, and ages engage in and are harmed by
7 distracted driving; and

8 Whereas, Although drivers acknowledge the dangers of
9 distracted driving, many still engage in dangerous practices on the
10 road. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, nearly 96
11 percent of drivers feel that typing and reading e-mails, text
12 messages, or social media while driving is extremely dangerous.
13 However, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported
14 that nearly 40 percent of teens still engaged in texting while
15 driving; and

16 Whereas, Michigan law has prohibited texting while driving
17 since 2010; and

18 Whereas, Michigan's roads would be made safer by a reduction
19 in distracted driving; and

20 Whereas, The campaign to reduce distracted driving has been
21 aided immensely by the efforts of local and state law enforcement
22 in Michigan; and

23 Whereas, This month dedicated to distracted driving awareness
24 will raise public consciousness of the dangers of distracted
25 driving in the state of Michigan and will encourage Michiganders
26 from all walks of life to put down their telephones while driving;
27 now, therefore, be it

28 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
29 this legislative body declare April 2021 as Distracted Driving

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