

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 69

Reps. Manoogian, Bellino, Filler, Hammoud, Pohutsky, Young, Aiyash, Cavanagh, Bolden, LaGrand, Koleszar, Neeley, Sneller, Ellison, Brabec, Clemente, Tyrone Carter, Witwer and Kuppa 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
9 in 2019, an increase of nearly 10 percent from the year prior; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
28 this legislative body declare April 2021 as Distracted Driving
29 Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.