**Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

**October 2020**

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**Whereas** more than 700 injury crashes involve distracted driving on an average day and the economic toll of all motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. annually exceeds $400 billion;

**Whereas** talking on a mobile phone even in hands-free mode, texting, programming your dashboard infotainment system or GPS device can divert your attention away from driving and result in physical or cognitive distraction;

**Whereas** [City/County/State] residents and all Americans deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving behaviors and healthy lifestyles;

**Whereas** preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths requires the cooperation of all levels of government, employers and the general public;

**Whereas** the National Safety Council and [Chapter/Organization] work to promote policies, practices and procedures leading to increased safety, protection and health in business and industry, in schools and colleges, on roads and highways, and in homes and communities;

**Whereas** the National Safety Council and [Chapter/Organization] in 2020 will provide this nation with a month-long distracted driving public education campaign;

**Whereas** spring is a time when people begin to log more miles on the road and it is imperative to focus attention on motor vehicle injury risks and preventions;

Therefore, [Mayor/Governor/Elected Official] of [City/County/State] does hereby proclaim [City’s/County’s/State’s] support of Distracted Driving Awareness Month in October 2020 and strongly urges the citizens and businesses of [City/County/State] to observe Distracted Driving Awareness Month – now marking its 10-year anniversary – by practicing safe driving behaviors and pledging to drive distraction-free.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of [City/County/State] to be affixed in [Location] on the (Day of Month) of (Month), the year of two-thousand and twenty.

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(Mayor/Governor/Elected Official)