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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2016 as "Distracted Driving  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Distracted driving is any activity that could divert  
4 a person's attention from the primary task of driving; and

5 WHEREAS, All distractions endanger driver, passenger and  
6 bystander safety; and

7 WHEREAS, Distracted driving occurs any time someone takes  
8 their eyes off the road, their hands off the wheel and their  
9 mind off their primary task of driving; and

10 WHEREAS, Studies show that texting simultaneously involves  
11 manual, visual and mental distraction and is among the worst of  
12 all driver distractions; and

13 WHEREAS, Distracted driving is not confined to a single  
14 cause, age group, level of education or driver demographic; and

15 WHEREAS, While distracted driving can take many forms and  
16 affects all road users, young drivers are at particular risk;  
17 and

1       WHEREAS, Drivers under 25 years of age are two to three times  
2 more likely than older drivers to send text messages or e-mails  
3 while driving; and

4       WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents resulting from distracted  
5 driving caused 431,000 people to be injured in 2014, an increase  
6 from the number of people injured in 2013; and

7       WHEREAS, According to national statistics, 3,179 people were  
8 killed in crashes involving a distracted driver in 2014; and

9       WHEREAS, The best way to end distracted driving is to educate  
10 all residents of this Commonwealth about the danger it poses;  
11 therefore be it

12       RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2016  
13 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be  
14 it further

15       RESOLVED, That the Senate urge drivers to consider the lives  
16 of others on the road and avoid distracted driving.