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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 1047 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY WHITE, HENNESSEY, MURT, SONNEY, BURNS, KINSEY,  
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READSHAW AND SCHMITT, OCTOBER 16, 2020

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
OCTOBER 16, 2020

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of October 2020 as "Distracted Driving  
2 Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, On an average day, more than 700 crashes which  
4 result in an injury involve distracted driving; and

5 WHEREAS, The economic toll of all motor vehicle crashes in  
6 the United States exceeds \$400 billion annually; and

7 WHEREAS, Talking into a mobile phone in hands-free mode,  
8 texting and programming a dashboard infotainment system or GPS  
9 device can divert an individual's attention away from driving  
10 and result in physical or cognitive distraction; and

11 WHEREAS, Residents of this Commonwealth and all Americans  
12 deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving  
13 behaviors and healthy lifestyles; and

14 WHEREAS, Preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths  
15 requires cooperation between all levels of government, employers  
16 and the general public; and

1       WHEREAS, The National Safety Council works to promote  
2 policies, practices and procedures leading to increased safety,  
3 protection and health on roads and highways, as well as in  
4 business and industry, in schools and colleges and in homes and  
5 communities; and

6       WHEREAS, It is imperative that drivers focus attention on  
7 motor vehicle injury risks and prevention; therefore be it

8       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
9 month of October 2020 as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in  
10 Pennsylvania.