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2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

February 17, 2014 – Introduced by Senators Lassa, L. Taylor, C. Larson and Lehman, cosponsored by Representatives Bies, Spiros, Berceau, Wachs, Kerkman and Ohnstad. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming distracted driving awareness day.

Whereas, April is National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, which is dedicated to discouraging the use of cell phones while driving, recognizing that hands-free devices offer no safety benefit, and understanding the dangers of cognitive distraction while driving; and

Whereas, studies show that drivers talking on cell phones, whether or not using hands-free devices, are four times more likely to be involved in car accidents; and

Whereas, the National Safety Council estimates that drivers using cell phones cause 25 percent of car accidents in the United States; and

Whereas, drivers talking on cell phones can miss up to 50 percent of the driving environment; and

Whereas, sending or receiving a text message takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent—at 55 miles per hour—of driving the length of a football field without watching the road; and

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Whereas, a distracted driving awareness day for the state of Wisconsin would help raise awareness of the dangers of driving while distracted; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin legislature hereby proclaims Thursday, April 24, 2014, as distracted driving awareness day.

7 (END)