2015 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 104

February 11, 2016 – Introduced by Senators L. TAYLOR, HARRIS DODD and LASSA, cosponsored by Representatives BERCEAU, JORGENSEN, OHNSTAD, SINICKI, SPREITZER, SUBECK and ZEPNICK. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: proclaiming April 2016 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

Whereas, in 2013, 3,154 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers; and

Whereas, in 2013, approximately 424,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving distracted drivers; and

Whereas, 10 percent of drivers of all ages under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash; and

Whereas, drivers in their 20s make up 27 percent of the distracted drivers in fatal crashes; and

Whereas, at any given daylight moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010; and
Whereas, engaging in visual–manual subtasks (such as reaching for a phone, dialing, and texting) associated with the use of hand−held phones and other portable devices increased the risk of getting into a crash by three times; and

Whereas, five seconds is the average time your eyes are off the road while texting; when traveling at 55 mph, that is enough time to cover the length of a football field blindfolded; and

Whereas, a quarter of teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive; and

Whereas, 20 percent of teens and 10 percent of parents admit that they have extended, multi−message text conversations while driving; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the legislature hereby proclaims April 2016 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Wisconsin.

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