



2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 107

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1 **Relating to:** proclaiming distracted driving awareness day.

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

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

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

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

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

