

RESOLUTION 2016- 247

WHEREAS, April is known as National Distracted Driver Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, April 2016 is focused on the dangers of texting and driving; and

WHEREAS, additional actions that can contribute to distracted driving include eating, drinking, smoking, adjusting the radio, searching for an object in the vehicle, reading or writing and makeup, among others; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving, such as eating, drinking, smoking, adjusting the radio, using the cell phone. All distracted driving endangers drivers, passengers, and bystander safety; and

WHEREAS, for drivers 15-19 years of age involved in fatal crashes, 21 percent of the distracted drivers were distracted by the use of cell phones; and

WHEREAS, a quarter of teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive. An April 2015 study involving text messaging, points out most teens respond immediately to a text message. Over twenty percent of teens and many of their parents admit that they have extended multi-message text conversations while driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township of Ocean, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that the month of April 2016 is hereby declared as National Distracted Drivers Month, and promotes addressing and eliminating distracted driving by educating all residents about the dangers it poses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholder and the Ocean County Mayors.

CERTIFICATION

I, Diane Ambrosio, Clerk of the Township of Ocean, in the County of Ocean and the State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at its Regular Business Meeting held on the 14th day of April 2016.

Diane B. Ambrosio, RMC
Municipal Clerk