

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** distracted driving is a growing problem on our roadways, claiming thousands of lives and injuring hundreds of thousands more each year in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention away from driving, including talking or texting on a cell phone, eating and drinking, adjusting the radio or putting on makeup – all of which can result in serious injury or death; and
- WHEREAS,** in Indiana, distracted driving can be attributed to nearly 150 fatal crashes and more than 60,000 collisions between 2015 and 2020; however, this only captures a portion of the incidents that have occurred, as many go unreported every year; and
- WHEREAS,** in an effort to combat distracted driving, Indiana was the 22nd state in the nation to pass a hands-free during driving law, and since taking effect on July 1, 2020, more than 5,000 warnings and 2,000 citations have been issued statewide; and
- WHEREAS,** distracted driving is a choice and completely preventable. As the Crossroads of America, increasing awareness about the dangers of distracted driving will further prevent crashes and result in safer roads across the Hoosier state;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb,** Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April as

DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 19th
day of March the year of our
Lord 2024 and of the Independence
of the United States 245.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric J. Holcomb