

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** distracted driving is considered any activity that diverts attention away from driving; and
- WHEREAS,** distractions can be visual, manual or cognitive, and include texting, eating, listening to loud music and more – all of which can result in serious injury or death; and
- WHEREAS,** Indiana has taken several steps to prohibit and discourage distracted driving such as passing the hands-free device driving law in 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** law enforcement agencies are working overtime to educate motorists about the dangers and consequences of distracted driving, and last year alone, officers issued more than 6,000 citations and close to 10,000 warnings under the hands-free law; and
- WHEREAS,** despite knowing the risks, distracted driving continues to be a pervasive problem on our roadways, claiming the lives of thousands of people every year in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS,** every person has a responsibility to drive distraction-free in order to prevent these senseless tragedies from occurring;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2022 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 1st
day of April the year of our
Lord 2022 and of the Independence
of the United States 246.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Eric Holcomb