

Rep. Noble offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 311.

A resolution to declare April 22-28, 2018, as Distracted Driving Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, Distracted driving claims the lives of thousands of people each year and causes hundreds of thousands of injuries; and

Whereas, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that 94 percent of car crashes are the result of driver error; and

Whereas, 2016 statistics show distracted driving crashes nationwide increased by 5.6% over 2015. 2016 Michigan statistics report there were 312,172 crashes and 980 fatal crashes, which is a 9.7 percent increase in fatalities from 2015. These figures showed that 16-17 year old drivers have the highest crash rate of any age group, as 10,652 Michigan teens were injured in vehicle crashes; and

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control, in the United States, 9 people are killed and more than 1,000 are injured every day in crashes that are reported to involve distracted driving; and

Whereas, The improved health and well-being of Michigan citizens are a direct result of increased awareness about the dangers of distracted driving. Local communities across the state and the Michigan Teen Safe Driving Coalition are committed to reducing the number of traffic deaths and injuries in the state of Michigan by educating motorists and bringing awareness to dangerous driving behaviors; and

Whereas, The campaign against distracted driving has also been immensely aided by law enforcement efforts in Michigan. Programs and activities dedicated to informing individuals about distracted driving will greatly raise awareness; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare April 22-28, 2018, as Distracted Driving Awareness Week in the state of Michigan.