

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 44

Senators Santana and Wojno offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to commemorate April 30, 2021, as Distracted  
2 Driving Awareness Day.

3       Whereas, Distracted driving is a serious threat to public  
4 safety on Michigan's roads; and

5       Whereas, Since 2010, Michigan law has prohibited texting while  
6 driving; and

7       Whereas, Drivers from all socio-economic backgrounds, races,  
8 ethnicities, genders, and ages engage in and are harmed by  
9 distracted driving; and

10       Whereas, Nationally, distracted driving causes hundreds of  
11 thousands of injuries and thousands of fatalities every year.

12       According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

(NHTSA), distracted driving tragically claimed the lives of 3,142 Americans in 2019, an increase of nearly 10 percent from 2018; and

Whereas, According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, approximately 69 percent of drivers agree that typing or reading e-mails, text messages, and social media while driving is extremely dangerous, but many still engage in dangerous practices on the road; and

Whereas, Young drivers are further at risk of distracted driving. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia reports that 39 percent of high school students reported texting or emailing within the past month; and

Whereas, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that nearly 40 percent of teens still engage in texting while driving; and

Whereas, We encourage school districts across Michigan to partner with campaigns like Arrive Alive, a peer-to-peer campaign that establishes safe driving and passenger safety behaviors among teens and youth during the high-risk warm weather months; and

Whereas, Michigan's roads would be made safer by a reduction of distracted driving; and

Whereas, The campaign to reduce distracted driving has been aided by the efforts of local and state law enforcement in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative body commemorate April 30, 2021, as Distracted Driving Awareness Day; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage all Michiganders to put down their telephones while driving.