

Reps. Chatfield, Canfield, Chirkun, Clemente, Cochran, Crawford, Elder, Faris, Geiss, Greig, Howrylak, Hughes, Jones, Kelly, Lauwers, Liberati, Marino, Maturen, Singh, Webber, Wittenberg and Zemke offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 57.

A resolution to declare April 2017 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month 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, 2015 statistics show distracted driving crashes nationwide have increased 10% over 2014, which is largest percentage increase in 50 years. 2015 Michigan statistics report there were 297,023 crashes, and 963 fatal crashes, which is a 10 percent increase in fatalities from 2014. 2015 Michigan statistics report that 16 year old crashes in Michigan increased 138 percent, and 15 and younger crashes increased by 67 percent, and increased for every driver 20 years old and under; and

Whereas, According to the Centers for Disease Control, in the United States 8 people are killed and 1,161 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; and

Whereas, 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; and

Whereas, A month dedicated to programs and activities 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 2017 as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in the state of Michigan.