



Gahanna

Proclamation

DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2021

WHEREAS: More than 700 injury crashes involving distracted driving occur on an average day in the United States, and the economic toll of all motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. exceeds \$400 billion annually; and

WHEREAS: Activities such as talking on the phone (even in hands-free mode), texting, adjusting a radio, programming GPS, drinking coffee or applying makeup diverts attention away from driving and result in physical or cognitive distraction; and

WHEREAS: The National Safety Council estimates that 1.6 million (or 26%) of all car crashes in the United States each year involve cell phones; and

WHEREAS: Nearly one of every four car accidents in the United States is caused by texting and driving; and

WHEREAS: During January and February 2021, the Gahanna Division of Police responded to 77 motor vehicle crashes, with 19 of the 77, or nearly 25%, involving some level of operator distraction; and

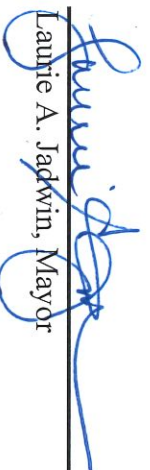
WHEREAS: Spring is a time when people begin to log more miles on the road, and it is imperative to focus attention on motor vehicle injury risks and preventions; and

WHEREAS: Preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths requires the cooperation of all levels of government, employers and the general public.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, strongly urge Gahanna citizens to practice safe driving behaviors and pledge to drive distraction-free, and do hereby proclaim the month of April 2021 as

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Gahanna, Ohio, to be affixed on this 5th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-One.


Laurie A. Jadwin, Mayor

