

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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# House Resolution No. 1084

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1084 - By: TIBBS AND MORGAN of the House.

A Resolution designating the month of April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Oklahoma; and providing for distribution.

1 WHEREAS, experience with various highway safety issues, such as drunken  
2 driving and seat-belt use, suggests it takes a combination of laws, enforcement and  
3 education to change attitudes and save lives; and

4 WHEREAS, reaction times, car following ability, lane control, and driver speed and  
5 performance are compromised when cell phones compete for the attention of a driver; and

6 WHEREAS, there were more than 276,000,000 wireless cell phone subscribers in  
7 the United States as of June 2009, an increase of forty-two percent (42%) from  
8 194,000,000 in June 2005, and nearly three times more than the 97,000,000 wireless cell  
9 phone subscribers in June 2000; and

10 WHEREAS, over 600,000,000,000 text messages were sent on wireless cell phones  
11 in 2008, nearly four times the number of text messages sent in 2006; and

12 WHEREAS, according to the recent National Motor Vehicle Crash Causation  
13 Survey, eighty percent (80%) of all traffic incidents and sixty-five percent (65%) of all  
14 near-crashes involve some type of driver distraction; and

1           WHEREAS, according to data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS),  
2 driver distraction was reported to have been involved in sixteen percent (16%) of all fatal  
3 crashes in 2008, which is an increase from twelve percent (12%) in 2004.

4           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 52ND OKLAHOMA  
6 LEGISLATURE:

7           THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives designates the month of April as  
8 “Distracted Driving Awareness Month”.

9           THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages all people in Oklahoma  
10 to consider the lives of others on the road and avoid distracted driving.

11          THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to FocusDriven, an advocacy group for  
12 victims of motor vehicle crashes involving drivers using cell phones.

13          DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.