

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

4   HOUSE  
5   RESOLUTION 1069

By: Humphrey

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8                               AS INTRODUCED

9           A Resolution raising awareness of the dangers of  
10   distracted driving; committing the Oklahoma House of  
11   Representatives to model safe driving; and  
12   encouraging Oklahomans to take the pledge to avoid  
13   distractions while driving.

14           WHEREAS, in the last decade, distracted driving has been rampant  
15   on U.S. roadways, endangering not only the distracted drivers but  
16   their passengers, pedestrians, and others on the road; and

17           WHEREAS, distracted driving claimed three thousand one hundred  
18   forty-two (3,142) lives in the United States in 2020, and eight  
19   percent (8%) of all fatal crashes nationwide involved distracted  
20   drivers; and

21           WHEREAS, texting is the worst distraction. Sending or reading a  
22   text message takes your eyes off the road for five (5) seconds. At  
23   55 miles per hour, that would be equivalent to driving the length of  
24   an entire football field with your eyes closed; and

1 WHEREAS, in 2020, nearly seven thousand three hundred (7,300)  
2 accidents were caused in Oklahoma by distracted driving, impacting  
3 around seventeen thousand (17,000) people; and

4 WHEREAS, forty-three (43) Oklahomans were killed in those  
5 distracted driving accidents and nearly three thousand eight hundred  
6 (3,800) others were injured; and

7 WHEREAS, Oklahomans between the ages of twenty (20) and forty-  
8 nine (49) are the most common to be distracted while driving; and

9 WHEREAS, forty-eight (48) states, including Oklahoma, along with  
10 Washington, D.C., have passed laws outlawing texting while driving;  
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12 WHEREAS, following the passage of Oklahoma's Trooper Nicholas  
13 Dees and Trooper Keith Burch Act of 2015, the state saw twelve  
14 percent (12%) fewer total crashes, a twenty-two percent (22%)  
15 decrease in injury-causing crashes, thirty percent (30%) less  
16 traffic fatalities, and a six percent (6%) decrease in noninjury  
17 crashes; and

18 WHEREAS, Oklahoma law enforcement officers recently took a  
19 pledge to educate the public and model appropriate driving behavior  
20 to ensure that future Oklahoma generations are not lost to needless  
21 distractions.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
23 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 58TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

1        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives commits to modeling  
2 safe driving behaviors for their fellow Oklahomans and to do all  
3 they can within the Constitution and the proper role of government  
4 to educate others on the dangers of distracted driving.

5        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives encourages Oklahomans  
6 to take personal responsibility to make themselves aware of and  
7 educate their families and loved ones about the dangers of  
8 distracted driving and take the pledge to avoid distractions while  
9 driving.

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