

## RESOLUTION 2015-157

### RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015 AS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, April is known as National Distracted Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, April 2015 is focused on the dangers of texting and driving; and

**WHEREAS**, additional actions that can contribute to distracted driving include eating, drinking, smoking, adjusting the radio, searching for an object in the vehicle, reading or writing and applying makeup, among others;

**WHEREAS**, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the primary task of driving, such as eating, drinking, smoking, adjusting the radio, using the cell phone. All distracted driving endangers drivers, passengers and bystander safety; and

**WHEREAS**, for drivers 15-19 years of age involved in fatal crashes, 21 percent of the distracted drivers were distracted by the use of cell phones;

**WHEREAS**, a quarter of teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive. An April 2015 study involving text messaging, points out most teens respond immediately to a text message. Over twenty percent of teens and many of their parents admit that they have extended multi-message text conversations while driving.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Ocean County Board of Health that the month of April 2015 is hereby declared as National Distracted Drivers Month, and promotes addressing and eliminating distracted driving by educating all residents about the danger it poses.

**BE IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Ocean County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Ocean County Mayors.

### CERTIFICATION

I, Michele A. Rivers Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their regular meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015, in the Municipal Complex, 900 West Bay Avenue, Barnegat, New Jersey.

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Michele A. Rivers, RMC  
Municipal Clerk