

Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, in 2013, 990 people were killed in 918 motor vehicle crashes in Ohio - the fewest number of traffic fatalities in Ohio since records have been kept dating back to 1936 and the first time in Ohio's history that fewer than 1,000 traffic fatalities were recorded in a year; and

WHEREAS, 2013 marked the third time in the last five years that the record for the safest year on Ohio's roads was broken; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, there were 341 people killed in OVI-related traffic crashes in Ohio - a 25 percent decrease from the previous five year average; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has recognized the dangers of distracted driving by banning texting while driving, a bill which Governor John Kasich signed into law on June 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Safe Driving Awareness Month was created in honor and in memory of Maria Tiberi whose life was tragically cut short in an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation, the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Ohio State Highway Patrol work together to educate Ohioans about the dangers of distracted driving; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all motorists to practice safe driving behaviors while behind the wheel by eliminating distractions.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby recognize September as

SAFE DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

throughout Ohio and we encourage all Ohioans to learn more about the dangers of distracted driving.

On this 5th day of September, 2014;



John R. Kasich
Governor



Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor

