



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, there are more than 15 million licensed drivers in Florida and millions of others who visit the state every year; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving, which involves any activity that takes a driver's full attention from the road for even a second, is a growing public safety issue on our highways today; and

WHEREAS, there were over 42,000 distracted driving crashes in 2014 that resulted in more than 200 fatalities and 35,000 injuries; and

WHEREAS, drivers between the ages of 20 and 29, who represent 18 percent of all licensed drivers in Florida, were responsible for 31 percent of all the distracted driving crashes in Florida last year; and

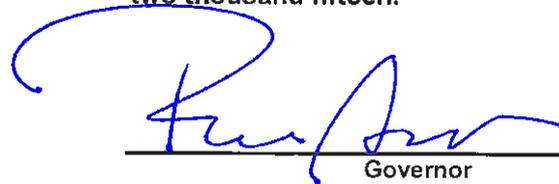
WHEREAS, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, the Department of Transportation and law enforcement agencies are committed to reducing the number of traffic deaths and injuries throughout the state by educating motorists and bringing awareness to dangerous driving behaviors; and

WHEREAS, all drivers are encouraged to keep their hands on the wheel, eyes on the road, and mind on driving when they get behind the wheel of a vehicle;

THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing April 2015 as *Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this first day of April, in the year two thousand fifteen.


Governor