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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Distracted driving occurs when motorists engage in activities that divert their attention from driving safely; these can include texting, talking on a cell phone, adjusting the radio, and interacting with passengers; and

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WHEREAS, Safe driving and public awareness of the dangers associated with distracted driving will result in fewer traffic crashes, fewer injuries, and fewer fatalities; and

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WHEREAS, In 2015, distracted driving was a factor in motor vehicle crashes that killed 3,459 people, nationally; and

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WHEREAS, Educating and informing the public about distracted driving, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with driving while distracted, ensuring younger drivers understand the consequences of driving distracted, and obeying established distracted driving traffic laws will reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and

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WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (ILACP), partnering with the American Automobile Association and supported by the Illinois Truck Enforcement Association, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Safety Serve, local law enforcement agencies,

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1 and the State's first responders are committed to educate
2 Illinois residents on all aspects of distracted driving, to
3 enforce applicable State laws and to support Illinois
4 Distracted Driving Awareness Week; and

5 WHEREAS, The ILACP continues to develop partnerships
6 designed to create and enhance a strong, supportive traffic
7 safety culture throughout Illinois; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare April 24 to
10 28, 2017 as the inaugural, "Illinois Distracted Driving
11 Awareness Week"; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
13 presented to the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the
14 American Automobile Association, the Illinois Truck
15 Enforcement Association, the Illinois State Police, the
16 Illinois Department of Transportation, and Safety Serve.