



proclamation

WHEREAS, more than 700 injury crashes involve distracted driving on an average day and the economic toll of all motor vehicle crashes in the U.S. annually exceeds \$400 billion; and

WHEREAS, talking on a mobile phone even in hands-free mode, texting, programming your dashboard infotainment system or GPS device can divert your attention away from driving and result in physical or cognitive distraction; and

WHEREAS, Hanover Park residents and all Americans deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving behaviors and healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths requires the cooperation of all levels of government, employers and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council and the Hanover Park Police Department work to promote policies, practices and procedures leading to increased safety, protection and health in business and industry, in schools and colleges, on roads and highways, and in homes and communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council and the Hanover Park Police Department in 2020 will provide this nation with a month-long distracted driving public education campaign; and

WHEREAS, spring is a time when people begin to log more miles on the road and it is imperative to focus attention on motor vehicle injury risks and preventions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rodney S. Craig, Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park, Illinois, do hereby proclaim **April 2021** to be ***DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH*** in the Village of Hanover Park, Illinois – now marking its 10-year anniversary – and urge Hanover Park residents to practice safe driving behaviors and pledge to drive distraction-free.

dated this 1st day of April, 2021.

Rodney S. Craig
Mayor of the Village of Hanover Park