

PROCLAMATION

West Linn, Oregon

WHEREAS, motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death and injury in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable, yet is a national and statewide epidemic that can lead to crash fatalities for drivers and passengers, as well as pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention from the primary task of driving; and

WHEREAS, in Oregon, between 2017-2021, there were 26,264 crashes involving a distracted driver resulting in 194 fatalities and 24,264 injuries; and

WHEREAS, studies show that using mobile electronic devices involves visual, auditory, manual, and cognitive distraction, and is among the worst of all driver distractions; and

WHEREAS, in Oregon, between 2017-2021, there were 2,005 crashes involving a driver using a mobile electronic device, resulting in 15 fatalities and 1,775 injuries; and

WHEREAS, Oregon law, as of 2018, prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices when operating a motor vehicle on public roadways; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the number of crashes as well as improve Oregon's driver safety culture, the Oregon Department of Transportation seeks to enhance awareness, understanding, education, and enforcement to stop distracted driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN, that April 2025 is

DISTRACTED DRIVING SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.

DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025



RORY BIALOSTOSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

