

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Oregon cities hold citizen safety as a paramount concern; and

**WHEREAS**, distracted driving occurs when drivers engage in activities that divert their attention from their primary task of driving, such as texting, talking on a phone, interacting with passengers, listening to loud music, and reading; and

**WHEREAS**, smart phone use, because it distracts the driver's visual, manual, and cognitive abilities, is especially dangerous for the driver and others; and

**WHEREAS**, sixty percent of Oregonians use a smartphone and seventy percent of Americans admit to using their smart phone while driving; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, reports that each day more than 9 people are killed and over 1,060 people are injured in crashes that are reported to involve a distracted driver; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon Department of Transportation reports that a crash involving a distracted driver in Oregon occurs every 2.5 hours; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the State of Oregon launched a Distracted Driving campaign aimed at raising awareness about the dangers of distracted driving; and

**WHEREAS**, through adoption of House Bill 2597 the Oregon State Legislature has taken steps to prohibit and discourage the use of handheld devices while driving.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Gamba, Mayor of the City of Milwaukie, a municipal corporation in the County of Clackamas, in the State of Oregon, do hereby proclaim **October 5<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, to be **DISTRACTION FREE DRIVING AWARENESS WEEK** in Milwaukie and encourage all residents to learn more about distracted driving at [www.oregon.gov/odot/safety/pages/distracted.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/odot/safety/pages/distracted.aspx).

**IN WITNESS, WHEREOF**, and with the consent of the City Council of the City of Milwaukie, I have hereunto set my hand on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020.

  
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Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Scott Stauffer, City Recorder