

# PROCLAMATION

## West Linn, Oregon

**WHEREAS**, motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death and injury hospitalization 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 people walking and rolling; and

**WHEREAS**, in Oregon, between 2016-2020, there were 15,538 crashes involving a distracted driver resulting in 186 fatalities and 24,126 injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention from the primary task of driving; 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**, 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 2023 is

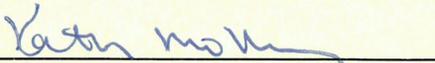
**DISTRACTED DRIVING SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH.**

DATED THIS 3RD DAY OF APRIL 2023



RORY BIALOSTOSKY, INTERIM MAYOR

ATTEST:



KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

