

WHEREAS; distracted driving refers to driving a vehicle while engaging in another activity or activities that diverts attention away from safe driving, whether visually, manually, and/or cognitively; and

WHEREAS; activities like eating and drinking, conversing with others in the vehicle, or setting the stereo, navigation, or entertainment system in the car can all take the driver's attention away from driving their vehicle safely, however cellphone use, such as talking on the phone, texting, and using social media, is the most common distraction for drivers; and

WHEREAS; roughly nine people are killed in distracted driving incidents in the U.S. every day, amounting to approximately 3,000 Americans killed each year, several of whom were not in a vehicle but rather were walking, riding their bikes, or otherwise; and

WHEREAS; in addition to costing families and communities the lives of their loved ones, according to a study published by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the economic toll of distracted driving in the U.S. was \$98 billion in 2019; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin residents and all Americans deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving behaviors, and preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths requires the continued cooperation of everyone behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin encourages all Wisconsinites to make responsible driving decisions and keep their eyes on the road, their hands on the wheel, and their mind focused on driving safely to ensure the roads that folks, families, and communities rely on are safe for all drivers, bikers, and pedestrians;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tony Evers, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,
do hereby proclaim April 2026 as

NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

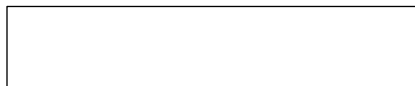
throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance
to all our state's residents.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 3rd day of April 2026.



TONY EVERS, Governor

By the Governor:



SARAH GODLEWSKI, Secretary of State