

**Resolution Supporting the 2018 UDrive. UText. UPay.  
Distracted Driving Crackdown-April 1, 21, 2018**

**Whereas**, distracted driving is a serious, life-threatening practice that is preventable; and

**Whereas**, distracted driving can result in injuries and deaths to all road users (motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists); and

**Whereas**, distracted driving occurs when drivers divert their attention away from the task of driving to focus on another activity instead; and

**Whereas**, in 2015 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,477 deaths and 391,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

**Whereas**, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in nearly 750,000 crashes between 2011-2015; and

**Whereas**, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide *Distracted Driving 2018 Crackdown* from April 1 - 21, 2018 in an effort to raise awareness and decrease driver distraction through a combination of enforcement and education; and

**Whereas**, the national slogan for the campaign is *UDrive. UText. UPay*; and

**Whereas**, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

**Therefore**, be is resolved that the Township of West Orange declares it's support for the *Distracted Driving 2018 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 - 21, 2018 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

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**Karen J. Carnevale, R.M.C.**  
Municipal Clerk

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**Susan McCartney, Council President**

**March 27, 2018**