## **Township of West Milford**

Passaic County, New Jersey

## ~ Resolution 2022 - 095 ~

## RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2022 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, in New Jersey, driver inattention remains the most significant cause of fatal and incapacitating crashes; and

**WHEREAS**, to aid municipalities in addressing this increased volume and to help offset the increased cost of police enforcement during these periods, the federal government offers grant funds to certain municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has grant monies available that may be used to assist the Township in offsetting the costs associated with the need for increased special enforcement patrols targeting distracted drivers; and

**WHEREAS**, April is National Distracted Driver Month, which is a time to remind New Jersey motorists of the states distracting driving laws, which include a ban on hand-held cell phone use and text messaging by all drivers and a ban on cell phone use (hand held or hands free) by novice drivers; and

WHEREAS, the West Milford Police Department has an obligation to keep our roadways safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the submission of a 2022 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant, "You Drive, You Text, You Pay", from April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022 to reduce the number of motor vehicle fatalities in the state.

Adopted: February 16, 2022

Adopted this 16 <sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022 and certified as a true copy of an original.
William Senande, Township Clerk