

# Proclamation

by

Matthew G. Bevin  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, Traffic crashes are a leading cause of death for American teens; and
- WHEREAS, When it comes to distracted driving, young people are among the most likely to text and talk behind the wheel; and
- WHEREAS, In 2016 there were 59,383 crashes due to driver distraction in Kentucky, resulting in 15,357 injuries and 192 fatalities; and
- WHEREAS, Ten percent of all drivers 15 to 19 years of age involved in fatal crashes were reported to be distracted at the time of the accident; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky seeks to become a leader in reduction of highway deaths; and
- WHEREAS, Increased awareness among the public concerning the dangers of distracted driving has contributed to a reduction in highway deaths with a 10 percent reduction in highway fatalities in 2017 and a 13 percent reduction year-to-date in 2018;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MATTHEW G. BEVIN, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2018, as

## DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort  
this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the year of Our Lord  
Two Thousand Eighteen and in the 226<sup>th</sup> year of  
the Commonwealth.

Handwritten signature of Matthew G. Bevin in black ink.

MATTHEW G. BEVIN  
GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Alison Lundergan Grimes in black ink.

ALISON LUNDERGAN GRIMES  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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