

Proclaiming Friday, May 18, 2012 Distracted Driving Awareness Day In Ulster County

Referred to: The Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee (Chairman Richard Parete and Legislators Belfiglio, Maio, Ronk and Briggs) and The Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee (Chairman Roberts and Legislators Fabiano, Maio, Ronk, Donaldson, Loughran and Robert Parete)

Legislator Richard Parete, Chairman of the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee offers the following:

WHEREAS, distracted driving has become a normative behavior over time, and endangers drivers, passengers, and bystanders' safety, and

WHEREAS, the age group with the greatest proportion of distracted drivers was the under-20 age group; 16 percent of all drivers younger than 20 that have been involved in fatal crashes were reported to have been distracted while driving; and 40% of all American teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger, and

WHEREAS, to change this way of thinking, action must first begin at the community level with teachers, parents, and role models of young adults enforcing and spreading the awareness that this behavior is unacceptable, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee voted unanimously to support Distracted Driving Awareness Day in Ulster County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee and the entire Ulster County Legislature wish to commend SUNY New Paltz students: Kayla DiPaulo, Dominique LaRosa, Laura Kaempf, Jade Schwartz and Jill Spadafora for their efforts in raising Distracted Driving Awareness in Ulster County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby proclaims Friday, May 18, 2012 as Distracted Driving Awareness Day in Ulster County and urges all residents of Ulster County to participate in working to raise the awareness to young adults and their parents of the dangers of driving distracted,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Fabiano and Provenzano)

Resolution No. 126 May 15, 2012

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Passed Committee: Law Enforcement and Public Safety Committee on May 1, 2012

Passed Committee: Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee on May 14, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 15th day of May, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 17th Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature