

STATE OF OREGON  
**PROCLAMATION**  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

- WHEREAS:** Motor vehicle crashes are one of the leading causes of death and injury in Oregon; and
- WHEREAS:** Distracted driving is a serious, life threatening practice that is preventable, yet is a national and statewide epidemic; and
- WHEREAS:** In Oregon, between 2012-2016, 10,814 crashes involving a distracted driver resulted in 70 fatalities and 16,503 injuries; and
- WHEREAS:** Distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention from the primary task of driving; and
- WHEREAS:** Studies show that using mobile devices involves manual, visual, mental, and often audio distraction, and is among the worst of all driver distractions; and
- WHEREAS:** Oregon law, as of 2018, prohibits the use of mobile electronic devices when operating a motor vehicle on public roadways; and
- WHEREAS:** In order to reduce the number of crashes, as well as improve Oregon's driver safety culture, the Oregon Department of Transportation seeks to enhance the awareness, understanding, education, and enforcement to stop distracted driving.

**NOW,  
THEREFORE:** I, Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **April 2019** to be

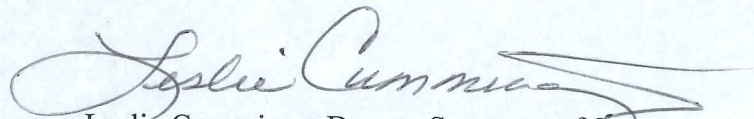
**DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH**

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, March 22, 2019.



Kate Brown, Governor



Leslie Cummings, Deputy Secretary of State

