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**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;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Wharton 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.

Adopted: April 9, 2018

BOROUGH OF WHARTON

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM J. CHEGWIDDEN,  
MAYOR

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Gabrielle Evangelista,  
Borough Clerk