

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Distracted Driving Awareness Week**  
**October 26<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**In the Town of Smithfield**

**WHEREAS**, October is designated as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the intention of this month is to promote the idea that all motorists should reflect on their personal driving habits and make a renewed commitment to focus on driving carefully for the safety of themselves, their passengers, and others sharing the road; and

**WHEREAS**, distracted driving is defined by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) as any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone or wireless device; and

**WHEREAS**, the NHTSA cites 2,841 lost lives in 2018 alone from distracted driving; and

**WHEREAS**, texting is the most alarming distraction as sending or reading a text takes your eyes off of the road for approximately 5 seconds, and when traveling at a rate of 55 mph, approximately equates to driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) *North Carolina 2018 Traffic Crash Facts* reports 281,685 reportable crashes in 2018 with 19.2% of those crashes attributed to distracted driving; and

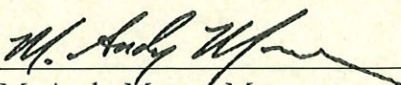
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Smithfield recognizes the risk that distracted driving poses to the health, life, and safety of the citizens of Smithfield, Johnston County and the State of North Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore**, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield do hereby proclaim October 26<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup> to be

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in Smithfield, North Carolina and urge all of our citizens to be mindful of their driving habits and make a conscious effort to refrain from all activities that would cause a motorist to become distracted while driving.



  
M. Andy Moore, Mayor

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Town of Smithfield on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty.