

**RESOLUTION NO. 217 -2016, DECLARING APRIL AS
“DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH” IN SUFFOLK
COUNTY**

WHEREAS, distracted driving is any activity that diverts a person’s attention from the primary task of driving; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is rampant on our roadways, causing hundreds of deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, all forms of distracted driving endanger passenger and pedestrian safety; distractions include, texting, using a cell phone or smart phone, eating and drinking, grooming and reading; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, it is easier than ever to drive distractedly as automakers are putting technology into our vehicles that allows us to make phone calls, dictate texts and emails and update social media while we are behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS, as technology continues to advance and the popularity of smart phones increases, drivers are losing focus even more, with distractions ranging from texting to talking selfies, using social media, video chatting and “vlogging”, web-surfing and emailing; and

WHEREAS, the National Safety Council observes April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month to draw attention to this epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County wishes to declare the month of April as “**Distracted Driving Awareness Month**” to empower drivers to put safety first and to educate drivers about the danger of this growing epidemic; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Month of April is hereby designated as “**Distracted Driving Awareness Month**” in the County of Suffolk to bring attention to this growing epidemic and educate drivers about its dangers; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21) and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: March 23, 2016

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steven Bellone
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: March 29, 2016