TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN COUNTY OF HUNTERDON

RESOLUTION 2017 – 30

SUPPORTING THE 2017 UDrive, UText. UPay DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN APRIL 1 – 21, 2017

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 2014 alone distracted driving-related crashes resulted in 3,179 deaths and 431,000 injuries on our nation's roads; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey distracted driving was listed as a contributing circumstance in more than 800,000 crashes between 2010-2014; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey will participate in the nationwide <u>Distracted Driving 2017</u>
<u>Crackdown</u> from April 1 – 21, 2017 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 <u>UDrive. UText. UPay</u>; and

WHEREAS, a reduction in distracted driving in New Jersey will save lives on our roadways;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Hunterdon, declares its support for the *Distracted Driving 2017 Crackdown* both locally and nationally from April 1 – 21, 2017 and pledges to increase awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

ADOPTED:

Attest:

Kathryn Blew, Mayor Township Committee

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Deputy Municipal Clerk