

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 224

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION REQUIRING HANDS-FREE PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING.

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a leading cause of motor vehicle crashes in the United States, contributing to thousands of injuries and fatalities each year; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that phone interaction while driving increases the risk of crashing by 23 times; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), also reports phone interaction while driving is six times more dangerous than driving under the influence of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, a study from Cambridge Mobile Telematics reported an increase in screen interaction time while driving of 17.8% from 2020 to 2023; and

WHEREAS, the use of handheld devices while driving significantly impairs a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle, diverting attention from the road and increasing reaction times; and

WHEREAS, Collier County, Florida, has witnessed an increase in traffic crashes attributed to distracted driving, affecting the safety of men, women, and children who reside in and visit the county; and

WHEREAS, implementing hands-free cell phone use legislation can reduce the incidence of distracted driving, promoting safer roadways for all; and

WHEREAS, 31 states have successfully enacted hands-free laws, resulting in a measurable decrease in crashes related to distracted driving; and

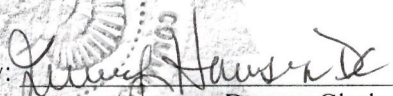
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our local government to advocate for the safety and well-being of our community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, hereby expresses its strong support for legislation mandating the use of hands-free devices while driving, and urges the Florida State Legislature to pass such legislation to enhance road safety and protect lives, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Governor of Florida and the Florida State Legislature to demonstrate our commitment to reducing distracted driving and improving the safety of our roadways.

ADOPTED upon majority vote this 12th day of November, 2024.

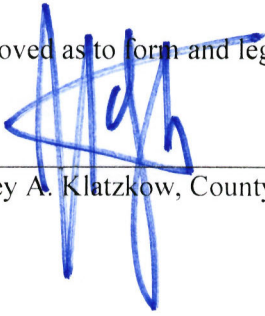
ATTEST:
Crystal K. Kinzel, Clerk of Courts

By: 
Attest as to Chairman's signature only

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Chris Hall, Chairman

Approved as to form and legality:

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Jeffrey A. Klatzkow, County Attorney