

State of Connecticut



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an
Official Statement

WHEREAS, driver distraction is the cause of more than 25% of vehicle fatalities; and

WHEREAS, a distracted driver is more dangerous than a driver with a .08% blood alcohol level; and

WHEREAS a crash occurs within 3 seconds after a driver gets distracted; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving behavior is not confined to a single cause, age group, educational level, or driver demographics; and

WHEREAS, driver distraction is approaching epidemic proportions; and

WHEREAS, a grassroots educational program to raise awareness about distracted driving must target not only the driving community, but also future drivers in elementary and junior schools; and

WHEREAS, all of us need to examine our driving habits and promise to protect each other on the road through distraction-free driving behavior; and

WHEREAS, the month of August and the July 4th weekend is found to be the most dangerous for traffic crashes; now

THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby officially proclaim August 6, 2011, as

DISTRACTION-FREE DRIVING DAY

in the State of Connecticut.

