

Resolution

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RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER AS NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH IN MAUI COUNTY

WHEREAS, every day, lives are needlessly lost and irreparably altered by impaired driving as a result of alcohol or drugs; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving includes distracted driving, drugged driving, and drunk driving, and in 2018 alone, took more than 10,000 lives in the United States; and

WHEREAS, thus far in 2019, 15 of the 22 traffic-related deaths in Maui County have been the direct result of impaired driving, and nearly two-thirds of all traffic fatalities in Maui County are alcohol- or drug-related; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, every United States President has demonstrated the commitment to prevent impaired driving by proclaiming December as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the month of December is appropriately designated because traffic fatalities that involve impaired drivers increase significantly during the holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Drug Court Professionals describes this period as "one of the deadliest and most dangerous times on America's roadways due to an increase in impaired driving"; and

WHEREAS, the Maui County community must work together to address this growing epidemic, stop needless deaths due to impaired driving, and save lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it recognizes the month of December as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month in Maui County; and

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2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui; Glenn Mukai, Director of Liquor Control, County of Maui; Tivoli Faaumu, Chief of Police, County of Maui; Don S. Guzman, Prosecuting Attorney, County of Maui; Mothers Against Drunk Driving – Hawaii Chapter; and the Maui Coalition for Drug-Free Youth.

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