STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

Whereas, *distracted behavior behind the wheel has long been an under-recognized danger that puts lives at risk on our state and national roadways. A driver increases the risk of a crash by 2,300 percent if he or she is texting while driving; and*

Whereas, *there were nearly 293 million wireless subscribers in the United States as of June 2010, an increase of 51 percent from June 2005, and nearly three times more than the 97 million in June 2000; and*

Whereas, *wireless subscribers will send and receive an estimated 1.8 trillion text messages before the end of this year, an increase of more than 3,000 percent from the 57 billion text messages in June 2005; and*

Whereas, *according to a recent National Motor Vehicle Crash Causation Survey, 80 percent of all traffic incidents and 65 percent of all near-crashes involve some type of distraction; and*

Whereas, *the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that as many as 6,000 people died in 2008 in incidents involving a distracted or inattentive driver, and more than a half-million were injured; and*

Whereas, *data from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) shows that driver distraction was reported to have been involved in 16 percent of all fatal crashes in 2008, a stunning 12 percent increase since 2004;*

Now, therefore, I, Brad Henry, *Governor of the State of Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim November 17 – 24, 2010, as*

"No Texting While Driving Week"

in the State of Oklahoma and encourage all drivers to never text while driving.

In Witness Whereof, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed.*

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Done at the Capitol, in the City of Oklahoma City, this fifteenth *day of* November *in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and* ten, *and of the State of Oklahoma in the* one hundred second *year.*

Brad Henry

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Acting Assistant SECRETARY OF STATE