Township of West Milford

Passaic County, New Jersey

~ Resolution 2023 - 170 ~

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A 2023 DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT

WHEREAS, distracted driving is a dangerous epidemic on America's roadways; and

WHEREAS, in New Jersey, driver inattention remains the most significant cause of fatal and incapacitating crashes; and

WHEREAS, to aid municipalities in addressing this increased volume and to help offset the increased cost of police enforcement during these periods, the federal government awarded grant funds to the West Milford Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration grant monies shall be used to assist the Township in offsetting the costs associated with the need for increased special enforcement patrols targeting distracted drivers; and

WHEREAS, April is National Distracted Driver Month, which is a time to remind New Jersey motorists of the states distracting driving laws, which include a ban on hand-held cell phone use and text messaging by all drivers and a ban on cell phone use (hand held or hands free) by novice drivers; and

WHEREAS, the West Milford Police Department has an obligation to keep our roadways safe.

NOW, THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Council of the Township of West Milford hereby authorizes the acceptance of a 2023 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant, "You Drive, You Text, You Pay," from April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Adopted: April 19, 2023

Adopted this 19 th day of April, 2023 and certified as a true copy of an original.
William Senande Township Clerk