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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, Distracted driving occurs when motorists engage
3 in activities that divert their attention from driving safely;
4 these can include texting, talking on a cell phone, adjusting
5 the radio, and interacting with passengers; and

6 WHEREAS, Safe driving and public awareness of the dangers
7 associated with distracted driving will result in fewer traffic
8 crashes, fewer injuries, and fewer fatalities; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2015, distracted driving was a factor in motor
10 vehicle crashes that killed 3,459 people nationally; and

11 WHEREAS, Educating and informing the public about
12 distracted driving, enhancing public awareness of the dangers
13 associated with driving while distracted, ensuring younger
14 drivers understand the consequences of driving distracted, and
15 obeying established distracted driving traffic laws will
16 reduce the number of fatalities and injuries; and

17 WHEREAS, The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police
18 (ILACP) and their partner the American Automobile Association
19 (AAA), supported by the Illinois State Police, the Illinois
20 Department of Transportation, the Illinois High School &
21 College Driver Education Association (IHSCDEA), local law

1 enforcement agencies, and the State's first responders, are
2 committed to educating Illinois residents on all aspects of
3 distracted driving, to enforcing applicable State laws and to
4 supporting Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness Week; and

5 WHEREAS, The ILACP and the AAA continue to develop
6 partnerships designed to create and enhance a strong,
7 supportive traffic safety culture throughout Illinois;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare the fourth
11 week of April 2019 as "Illinois Distracted Driving Awareness
12 Week" in remembrance of John M. Sligting; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
14 presented to the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, the
15 American Automobile Association, the Illinois State Police,
16 the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Illinois
17 High School & College Driver Education Association.