State Of Florida

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there were more than 37,000 DUI traffic citations issued in Florida last year which included 380 impaired crashes, 328 resulting in a fatality; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration finds fatalities in crashes that involve one or more impaired drivers appear to increase significantly during the December holiday periods; and

WHEREAS, for thousands of families across Florida, the holiday season brings a somber reminder of the loved ones they lost to an impaired driver; and

WHEREAS, education and prevention, effective laws and penalties, and strong enforcement are key components to reducing impaired driving; and

WHEREAS, state and local law enforcement agencies throughout Florida are committed to aggressive enforcement through the *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign; and

WHEREAS, one of the largest victim advocate organizations against impaired driving is Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD); and

WHEREAS, MADD's mission is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles and safety advocates have teamed up in a statewide effort to make Florida's roadways safer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida, do hereby recognize December 2021, as

NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we also recognize the **35**th **year of MADD's** longest running **Designated Driver Campaign**, *Tie One On For Safety*, and encourage everyone to display a MADD ribbon in a visible location as a reminder to always designate a non-drinking driver.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Governor and Cabinet of the State of Florida have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the State of Florida to be hereunto affixed in the City of Tallahassee this 1st day of December, 2021.

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