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SAFE DRIVING

Whereas, Motor vehicle accidents are the number one killer of teenagers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In New Jersey, teenagers 17 to 20 years of age represent just five percent of the population, but are involved in 12 percent of motor vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death of teenagers, accounting for 40 percent of all teenage deaths; and

WHEREAS, The majority of teenage driver motor vehicle collisions in the United States are due to driver distractions and speeding, and 15 percent are due to drunk driving; and

WHEREAS, Approximately two-thirds of teenage passenger deaths, involving persons 13 years of age to 19 years of age, occur when other teenagers are driving; and

WHEREAS, One in three teenage drivers is involved in a motor vehicle accident during the first year of driving; and

WHEREAS, In order to prevent tragedies, it is necessary to raise awareness among teenagers, parents, and teachers, and to influence a change in unsafe driving behavior so that the number of teenagers killed on New Jersey's roadways each year is dramatically reduced; now, therefore,

Be it RESOLVED, That the Town of Phillipsburg, the Phillipsburg Police Department and its constituent organizations including State Farm Good Neighbor Foundation and NORWESCAP will work with parents, students, and community partners through activities and education to raise awareness among teenagers, parents, and teachers; shall foster awareness and promote safe driving practices among teenage drivers and will work together to influence a change in unsafe driving behavior so that the number of teenagers killed on New Jersey's roadways each year is dramatically reduced.

CERTIFICATION

I, Victoria L. Kleiner, Municipal Clerk for the Town of Phillipsburg, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Town Council at their May 19, 2015 meeting.

Victoria L. Kleiner, RMC