

RESOLUTION NO. 444

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DECEMBER 9 - 15, 1984 AS
NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING AWARENESS WEEK.

WHEREAS, traffic crashes cause more violent deaths in the United States than any other cause, over 50,000 in 1980; and

WHEREAS, traffic crashes also play a substantial role in serious injuries, causing most of the new cases of epilepsy and paraplegia in the United States each year; and

WHEREAS, between 45 and 55 percent of fatally injured drivers have alcohol concentrations in their blood above the legal limit, and this figure rises to 55 and 65 percent in single-vehicle crashes; and

WHEREAS, the total societal cost of drunk driving has been estimated to be as high as \$25 billion a year, which does not include the human suffering that can never be measured; and

WHEREAS, there are increasing reports of collisions involving drivers who have used prescriptions or illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, there has been a groundswell of national and local activity aimed at these problems through citizens' groups, task forces, and the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving; and

WHEREAS, increased public knowledge about the gravity of the problem of drunk and drugged driving may convince alcohol and drug users to refrain from driving, and may stimulate interest in research about effects of drugs and driving ability and the incidence of traffic crashes; and


WHEREAS, national awareness of the problems of drunk and drugged driving may help to sustain current efforts to develop comprehensive solutions at the State and local levels; and

WHEREAS, the Christmas and New Year's holiday period is a particularly appropriate time to focus national attention on this critical problem, because more drivers are on the roads, more social functions are attended, and more traffic collisions occur.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the City of Wilsonville joins with the United States Congress, the President of the United States, legislatures, city and town councils, governors, mayors, and other citizens across the nation, in designating the week of December 9 - 15, 1984 as "National Drunk & Drugged Driving Awareness Week" in supporting national and local observances thereof, and in reminding our fellow citizens that safety belts and child safety seats are our best defense against all the hazards of the road.

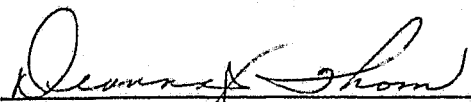
ADOPTED by the Wilsonville City Council at a regular Council

meeting thereof this 3rd day of December, 1984, and
filed with the Wilsonville City Recorder this same date.



WILLIAM G. HOWRIE, Mayor

ATTEST:



DEANNA J. THOM, City Recorder

CITY OF WILSONVILLE

MEMO

December 13, 1984
DATE

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Daniel O. Potter, City Administrator
SUBJECT: Drinking and Drugged Driving Awareness Week
December 9-15, 1984

Nationally, the week of December 9-15, 1984, will be designated as Drinking and Drugged Driving Awareness Week. The Congress of the United States has designated this week as National Drug and Drunk Driving Week. President Reagan has issued a proclamation, as has Governor Atiyeh.

The attached Resolution indicates the variety and extent of the activity being carried on nation-wide to bring awareness of the problem of drunk and drugged driving to the American public.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel O. Potter

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Attachments