



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CHILDREN'S SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: December 4, 2018

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

SUBJECT: Impaired Driving Prevention Month

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring December 2018 as "Impaired Driving Prevention Month" in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

The Placer County Youth Commission in partnership with the Coalition for Auburn and Lincoln Youth (CALY), and Raising Placer respectfully request that the Placer County Board of Supervisors proclaim December as Impaired Driving Prevention Month in Placer County.

Impaired driving, including driving under the influence of alcohol, marijuana and prescription medications poses a significant threat to drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and all who share our roads. In 2016 there were 7 people killed and 179 injured in alcohol-related crashes in Placer County (Office of Traffic and Safety).

Nationally, the number of traffic crash fatalities caused by impaired driving has unfortunately increased – with preventable alcohol and drug related driving fatalities accounting for nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities.

During the holiday season, incidents of impaired driving occur more frequently, so this month and every December, let us observe Impaired Driving Prevention Month continuing to empower drivers to make responsible decisions and educate Placer County residents on ways to keep our roads safe and our futures bright.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

A Proclamation Report is on file with Clerk of the Board for review.

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IN THE MATTER OF A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING DECEMBER 2018 AS IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH IN PLACER COUNTY

WHEREAS, driving puts drivers, passengers, and pedestrians at risk, and each year it claims the lives of thousands of Americans; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, there were 7 people killed and 179 injured in alcohol-related crashes in Placer County; and

WHEREAS, during the holiday season incidents of impaired driving occur more frequently, and every December we observe Impaired Driving Prevention Month to highlight steps we can take to improve safety on our streets and raise awareness of these preventable dangers; and

WHEREAS, consumption of alcohol by drivers is highly dangerous, and drug use, including marijuana and prescription drug use, can impede judgment, perception, and motor skills used when driving; and

WHEREAS, after alcohol, marijuana is the most frequently found substance in the blood of impaired drivers, fatally injured drivers and crash victims; and

WHEREAS, prescription drug-impaired driving can diminish an individual's performance behind the wheel and increase the risks of harm to a driver or an innocent bystander; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Youth Commission, the Coalition for Auburn and Lincoln Youth and Raising Placer urge all of us to do our part to prevent impaired driving and keep roads safe; and

WHEREAS, this month, let us continue empowering drivers to make responsible decisions and educate Placer County residents on ways to keep our roads safe and our futures bright.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held December 4, 2018, proclaiming the month of December 2018 Impaired Driving Prevention Month.

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