

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE BILL 144 ENTITLED “AN ACT MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO USE A WIRELESS
COMMUNICATION DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PUBLIC
STREET, HIGHWAY, OR PUBLIC VEHICULAR AREA”

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly is considering passage of “Hands Free NC” which will set limits on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle on a public street, highway, or public vehicular area;

WHEREAS, House Bill 144 is still making its way through committee meetings;

WHEREAS, House Bill 144 would become effective January 1, 2020 if adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly;

WHEREAS, House Bill 144 provides for a six month deferral period immediately following the effective date in which law enforcement shall only issue warning tickets for any offenses committed;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council believes that House Bill 144 exemplifies Greensboro’s VisionZero initiative to reduce and eliminate fatalities which are most often caused by distracted driving;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council acknowledges that approximately seventy percent (70%) of adult drivers admit to using a wireless communication device while driving;

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council also notes that more than fifty percent (50%) of teen drivers use a wireless communication device while driving and at least twenty-five percent (25%) reported typing or sending a text message; and

WHEREAS, the Greensboro City Council agrees that distracted driving includes texting, instant messaging, Web commands, and pressing more than a single button or any other form of electronic text retrieval or entry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Greensboro City Council supports the North Carolina General Assembly House Bill 144.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Greensboro City Council urges the State of North Carolina General Assembly to consider the passage of “Hands Free NC” to set limits for the use of wireless communication devices.