

State of North Carolina

JOSH STEIN

GOVERNOR

NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH

2025

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs remains a leading cause of preventable crashes, injuries, and deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in North Carolina, impaired driving contributed significantly to vehicle accidents:

- 84 percent of substance-impaired crashes involved alcohol;
- 85 percent of substance-impaired fatal and serious-injury crashes involved alcohol;
- 23 percent of substance-impaired crashes involved drugs; and
- 26 percent of substance-impaired fatalities and serious injuries involved drugs; and

WHEREAS, every life lost to impaired driving is one life too many, and families across our community continue to suffer the lasting impacts of these preventable tragedies; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about the dangers of impaired driving is critical to encouraging safe, responsible decisions, such as planning, using designated drivers, taking public transportation, or hiring rideshare services; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies, prevention coalitions, schools, and advocacy groups across North Carolina are working tirelessly to reduce impaired driving through education, enforcement, and victim support; and

WHEREAS, designating December to be Driving While Impaired Awareness Month provides an opportunity to remember the lives lost, support survivors and families, and recommit to making our roads safer;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSH STEIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 2025 as "**NATIONAL IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH**" in North Carolina and commend its observance to all citizens.

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JOSH STEIN

Governor

IN WI LESS WHE EOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this eighteenth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-fifth and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fiftieth.