

112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 441

Expressing support for the designation of May 2012 as National Youth  
Traffic Safety Month.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 26, 2012

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr.  
PRYOR, and Mr. THUNE) submitted the following resolution; which was  
considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of May 2012 as  
National Youth Traffic Safety Month.

Whereas motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death  
for youth in the United States;

Whereas thousands of youth are injured or die each year in  
motor vehicle crashes;

Whereas on average, 11 youths die each day in motor vehicle  
crashes;

Whereas on average, May through August is the deadliest pe-  
riod for youths on our nation's highways;

Whereas on average, 8 of the top 10 deadliest days for youths  
on our nation's highways were between May and August;

Whereas events such as prom and graduation, and the summer driving season, contribute to the risk of a motor vehicle crash due to an increase in the amount of time youth spend on the road and in celebratory activities;

Whereas it is essential to teach our youths that driving is a privilege and with that privilege comes risks and responsibilities;

Whereas this education is essential to preventing risky behaviors that can result in tragic crashes;

Whereas the National Organizations For Youth Safety (NOYS) established a national youth campaign and National Youth Traffic Safety Month to draw attention to the increased rate of motor vehicle crashes involving youth between May and August, to help enforce youth safe driving laws, and to support youth and community education on youth traffic safety; and

Whereas NOYS invites all youths, families, and communities to participate in National Youth Traffic Safety Month:

Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) expresses support for the designation of  
3       May 2012 as “National Youth Traffic Safety  
4       Month”;

5               (2) supports youth traffic safety awareness; and

6               (3) encourages people across the United States  
7       to observe National Youth Traffic Safety Month

- 1 with appropriate programs, activities, and cere-
- 2 monies.

