



City of St. Charles
I L L I N O I S

Proclamation

CITY OF ST. CHARLES NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING DAY

WHEREAS, according to a research report issued by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) driver inattention is the leading factor in most highway crashes, and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has banned texting for all drivers while operating a motor vehicle, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that text messaging while driving creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted, and

WHEREAS, studies have shown teen drivers are more likely than any other age group to be involved in a fatal crash where distraction is reported, and

WHEREAS, one of the most effective means of encouraging safer and smarter behavior by motorists involves convincing drivers of the need to devote their full attention and energy to driving by avoiding distractions to include texting, and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Charles, through the Youth Commission, calls upon its residents to make it a priority to save lives through the elimination of texting while driving by adopting safe behavior while operating a motor vehicle.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Donald P. Dewitte, do hereby recognize **March 21, 2012 as No Texting While Driving Awareness Day**, in the City of St. Charles, Illinois and I call the observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

SEAL:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald P. DeWitte", is written over a horizontal line.

Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor