



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

Proclamation

NO TEXT ON BOARD – PLEDGE DAY

- WHEREAS, The City of St. Charles holds the health and safety of its young adults as A chief concern; and
- WHEREAS, text messaging is the main mode of communication for most American teenagers with half of all teens sending between 21 and 70 texts a day; and
- WHEREAS, 90% of American teenagers expect a reply to a text message within five minutes; and
- WHEREAS, texting takes one’s eyes off the road for an average of five seconds; and
- WHEREAS, in an AT&T survey, 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous; and
- WHEREAS, a recent study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash; and
- WHEREAS, a driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor of the City of St. Charles, along with the St. Charles City Council, do hereby proclaim **September 19, 2012** as “No Text On Board – Pledge Day” in the City of St. Charles and encourage all drivers to take the pledge to never text and drive again.

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Donald P. DeWitte, Mayor