

Proclamation



NO TEXT ON-BOARD PLEDGE DAY

SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia 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 90% of American teenagers expect a reply to a text message within five minutes; and

WHEREAS, in a recent survey, texting takes one's eyes off the road for an average of five seconds and 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous; and

WHEREAS, studies show that people texting while driving are 23 times more likely to crash and not only jeopardize their safety but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians and other drivers:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012, as “**NO TEXT ON-BOARD PLEDGE DAY**” in Washington, D.C., and call upon all the residents to make a more conscious effort to avoid texting while driving.


