

PROCLAMATION

Texting & Driving Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the Village of Barrington 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 textig 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, Karen Darch, President of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Barrington, Cook and Lake Counties, Illinois do hereby proclaim the month of ***September 2012 as Texting & Driving Awareness Month and September 19, 2012 as "No Text On Board - Pledge Day"***, and encourage all drivers to take the pledge to never text and drive again.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2012

*Karen Darch
Village President*