

PROCLAMATION

***Drive 4 Pledges Day
September 19, 2013***

WHEREAS the Village of Barrington holds the health and safety of its teenagers and adults as a chief concern; and

WHEREAS through ItCanWait.com, Facebook, text-to-pledge, tweet-to-pledge and events, more than 1.8 million people have committed to never text and drive; and

WHEREAS 98 percent of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe; and

WHEREAS Nearly 50 percent of commuters text while behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS More than 40 percent of commuters who text while driving reported the activity as being a habit; and

WHEREAS A Virginia Tech 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 September 19, 2013 Drive 4 Pledges Day in the Village of Barrington and do hereby call upon all citizens to support ItCanWait.com and commit to never texting and driving.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2013

*Karen Darch
Village President*