



A Proclamation of the Village of Riverside

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the Illinois Municipal League are committed to safety on our state's roadways and educating the public about the dangers of texting and driving through the "Drive Now. Text Later," Campaign; and,

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois and the Illinois Municipal League are cognizant of the increase in highway fatalities in the last year, notably those involving distracted driving. Texting while driving occurs with drivers of all ages, but especially among teenagers, as text messaging is the main mode of communication for most teenagers; and,

WHEREAS, A recent survey found that 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous. 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; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois and the Illinois Municipal League, to further address this traffic safety issue through education, supports AT&T in establishing the first-ever "No Text On Board – Pledge Day," on September 19, when all Americans will be urged to sign a pledge to not text and drive from that day onward in an effort to change behavior and save lives.

THEREFORE, I, Michael C. Gorman, President of the Village of Riverside, Illinois, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012 as NO TEXT ON BOARD PLEDGE DAY in Riverside and encourage all drivers to take the pledge to never text and drive.

In witness whereof, I have hereunder set my hand and caused the great seal of the Village of Riverside to be affixed.

Michael C. Gorman

Michael C. Gorman, Village President

September 10, 2012

Date