

1 [It Can Wait - No Texting While Driving Pledge Day - September 19, 2012]

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3 **Resolution declaring “It Can Wait - No Texting While Driving Pledge Day” on**  
4 **September 19, 2012.**

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6 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco holds the health and safety of its  
7 young adults as a chief concern; and

8 WHEREAS, Text messaging is the main mode of communication for most American  
9 teenagers with half of all teens sending between 21 and 70 texts a day; and

10 WHEREAS, 90% of American teenagers expect a reply to a text message within five  
11 minutes; and

12 WHEREAS, Texting takes one’s eyes off the road for an average of five seconds; and

13 WHEREAS, In an AT&T survey, 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting  
14 while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous; and

15 WHEREAS, A Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study showed those who send text  
16 messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash; and

17 WHEREAS, A driver who sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his  
18 or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers; now,  
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco officially declares September  
21 19, 2012 as “It Can Wait – No Texting While Driving Pledge Day.”

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