

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. 12-251

Resolution proclaiming September 19, 2012 as

“It Can Wait–No Texting While Driving Pledge Day” in Monterey County

WHEREAS, Monterey County holds the health and safety of its citizens as a vital concern; and

WHEREAS, wireless phone use has become ubiquitous through our community, California, and the nation as a whole; 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 per day; and

WHEREAS, any time a driver attempts to send a text message while driving, his or her attention is diverted from the road for an average of five seconds; and

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

WHEREAS, a recent Nationwide Insurance study showed that 80% of respondents support some type of ban on sending text messages or emails while driving; and

WHEREAS, a Virginia Tech Transportation Institute study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted by the Transport Research Laboratory in the United Kingdom showed that sending text messages while driving is riskier than driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and

WHEREAS, a driver who sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers.

WHEREAS, it is illegal to send electronic text messages while driving in the State of California.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of the County and all citizens thereof, does hereby proclaim September 19, 2012 as **“It Can Wait – No Texting While Driving Pledge Day”** in Monterey County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor Armenta, seconded by Supervisor Salinas, and carried this 18th day of September 2012, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Armenta, Calcagno, Salinas, Parker, and Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 76 for the meeting on September 18, 2012.

Dated: September 18, 2012
File ID: 12-076

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors, County of Monterey, State of
California

By *Denise Hancock*
Deputy