



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NO TEXT ON BOARD PLEDGE DAY

- WHEREAS: Text messaging is the main mode of communication for the majority of American teenagers, with 50 percent sending between 21 and 70 text messages per day; and
- WHEREAS: 90 percent of American teenagers expect a reply from a text message within 5 minutes of the original text. Texting while driving leads to less concentration and slower reaction times while on the road; and
- WHEREAS: In an AT&T survey, 43 percent of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving, even though 97 percent of the surveyed teens were aware of the dangers doing so posed; and
- WHEREAS: According to a study organized by Virginia Tech, drivers who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an automobile accident compared to drivers who do not text; and
- WHEREAS: Exchanging text messages while operating a motor vehicle not only puts the driver at risk, but also jeopardizes the lives of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers sharing the road; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012 as NO TEXT ON BOARD PLEDGE DAY in Georgia and recognize the importance of refraining from texting while driving.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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