

Whereas, Despite the prohibition on texting and driving, the New York City Police Department (“NYPD”) issued 91,324 summonses for cell phone use while driving in the first six months of 2012; and

Whereas, According to NYPD, driver distraction is a major contributor to motor vehicle fatalities and injuries New York City; and

Whereas, According to a May 2012, AT&T “Teen Driver Survey,” 43 percent of teens questioned admitted to texting while driving, and 73 percent said that the habit is common among their friends; and

Whereas, AT&T has launched a campaign to encourage drivers not to text and drive, and to commit to not text while driving by signing a pledge on September 19, 2012; and

Whereas, Designating September 19, 2012 as “Don’t Text and Drive Day” will increase awareness among the general public, and drivers in particular, about the continued dangers of driving and texting; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York designates September 19, 2012 as “Don’t Text and Drive Day” in New York City.

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