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Res. No. 1495

Resolution designating September 19, 2012 as “Don’t Text and Drive Day” in New York City.

By Council Members Vallone, Chin, Fidler, Gentile, James, Koo, Lander, Nelson, Rose and Williams

Whereas, According to the United States Department of Transportation (“USDOT”), driver distraction contributed to 18 percent of motor vehicle crashes in the United States in 2010; and

Whereas, According to a 2006 study by the University of Utah, using a cell phone while driving causes driver distraction at the same level as having a blood alcohol level of .08; and

Whereas, According to the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute, drivers who text while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident as compared to those who do not text while driving; and

Whereas, In 2009, New York State prohibited the use of hand held electronics while driving, including those used to send text messages; and

Whereas, In 2011, the New York State Legislature passed and the Governor signed further enhancements to the existing ban on texting and driving; and

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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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