

Resolution Number 129

WHEREAS, Missouri holds the health and safety of its young adults as a chief concern; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, in a national survey, 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous; and

WHEREAS, a recent university study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash; and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and praise the tremendous contributions of AT& T in increasing awareness of the hazards of texting and driving in our community, this board, and the entire city and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 21st day of September, 2012 by:

Honorable Antonio D. French, Alderman 21st Ward
Honorable Lewis E. Reed, President of the Board of Aldermen

Adopted this the 21st day of September, 2012 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen