

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, education and awareness are key to improving highway safety among young people in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, text messaging is the main method of communication for most American teenagers, with half of all teens sending between 21 and 70 texts each day, and approximately 90 percent of teens expecting a reply to a text message within 5 minutes; and

WHEREAS, while sending or receiving texts while driving doubles reaction time and drivers who send text messages are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash, according to an AT&T survey, over 40 percent of teenage drivers admit to sending texts while behind the wheel even though approximately 97 percent know it is dangerous; and

WHEREAS, texting while driving jeopardizes the lives of the driver and his or her passengers as well as the lives of innocent people in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012, as

NO TEXT ON BOARD - PLEDGE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to do their part to eliminate the dangerous practice of texting while driving.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA