

RESOLUTION 28-2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, RELATING TO DRIVING AND TEXTING; MAKING FINDINGS; JOINING IN A NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION WITH REGARD TO DRIVING AND TEXTING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR ADOPTION.

WHEREAS, the Town of Malabar, holds the health and safety of its teenagers and adults as a chief concern; and

WHEREAS, Through ItCanWait.com, Facebook, text-to-pledge, tweet-to-pledge and events, more than 1.3 million people have committed to never text and drive; and

WHEREAS, 98% of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe; and

WHEREAS, 49% of commuters text while behind the wheel; and

WHEREAS, 43% of commuters who text while driving reported the activity as being a habit; and

WHEREAS, A Virginia Tech 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; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has made texting while operating a motor vehicle into a secondary offense and a noncriminal violation. See Chap. 2013-58, Laws of Fla;

WHEREAS, AT&T has sponsored the "It Can Wait" campaign to urge drivers to wait until they are not behind the wheel of a motor vehicle before texting; and

WHEREAS, Verizon, Sprint, T-Mobile US, Inc., and more than 200 other organizations

have joined the movement supporting the It Can Wait Campaign; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of the summer It Can Wait campaign will be a National Day of Action on September 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on that day, It Can Wait advocates will reach out in their communities to raise awareness of the risks of texting while driving, encourage everyone to make a personal commitment not to text and drive and recruit others to join the growing ranks of advocates dedicated to saving lives by ending texting while driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, the TOWN OF MALABAR, does hereby join the It Can Wait campaign by supporting the proclamation of September 19th, 2013, as the **"It Can Wait National Day of Action."**

This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Acquaviva. This motion was seconded by Council Member Milucky and, upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Council Member Jim Milucky
Council Member Wayne Abare
Council Member Steven (Steve) Rivet
Council Member Jeffrey (Jeff) McKnight
Council Member Marisa Acquaviva

Aye
Aye
Aye
Excused
Aye

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 5th day of August, 2013.

TOWN OF MALABAR

By:

Carl A. Beatty
Mayor Carl A. Beatty

ATTEST:

Debby K. Franklin
Debby K. Franklin, C.M.C.
Town Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to Form and Content:

Karl W. Bohne, Jr.
Karl W. Bohne, Jr.,
Town Attorney

