

RESOLUTION NO. 14-146

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, RENEWING THE CITY OF DORAL CAMPAIGN AND PLEDGE AGAINST TEXTING WHILE DRIVING; ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Doral (the "City") holds the health and safety of its citizens as a paramount concern; and

WHEREAS, wireless phone use while driving, including, but not limited to reading and sending text messages, has become pervasive through our community, and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, any time a driver attempts to send an electronic text message while driving, his or her attention is diverted from the road; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that sending electronic text messages while driving greatly increase the likelihood of being involved in a motor vehicle accident and that sending text messages while driving is potentially riskier than driving while under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and

WHEREAS, a driver that attempts to send electronic text messages while driving is not just a hazard to themselves, but to passengers, other drivers, and pedestrians as well; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has made illegal to send electronic text messages while driving in the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the City started a campaign whereby Councilmembers, administrative officials, and employees signed a pledge against texting and driving; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to renew the campaign and pledge in order to raise awareness against texting and driving; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council for the City of Doral find that it is in the best interest of the community to support awareness and education efforts year round against texting and driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DORAL, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above recitals are confirmed, adopted, and incorporated herein and made a part hereof by this reference.

Section 2. Campaign and Pledge Against Texting While Driving. The campaign against texting and driving is hereby renewed in the City of Doral, and all employees of the City, all individuals involved with public and private institutions, and all residents of the City of Doral are hereby encouraged to sign the pledge at the heart of the campaign and to spread education and awareness efforts against the detrimental consequences of texting and driving.

Section 3. Implementation. The City Manager is hereby authorized to take such other action as is necessary to implement the provisions of this Resolution.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Rodriguez Aguilera who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mayor Boria and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Mayor Luigi Boria	Yes
Vice Mayor Christi Fraga	Yes
Councilwoman Ana Maria Rodriguez	Yes
Councilwoman Bettina Rodriguez Aguilera	Yes
Councilwoman Sandra Ruiz	Not present at the time of the vote

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of September, 2014.




LUIGI BORIA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



BARBARA HERRERA, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL
SUFFICIENCY FOR THE SOLE USE OF
THE CITY OF DORAL.



WEISS, SEROTA, HELEMAN, PASTORIZA
COLE AND BONISKE
CITY ATTORNEY