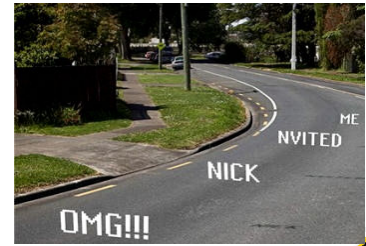




CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation



**Texting and Driving Awareness Month
September 2012**



- WHEREAS:** *The City of Rochelle, Illinois] 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 teens 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 an AT&T survey, 43% of American teenage drivers admitted to texting while driving even though 97% know it is dangerous; and*
- WHEREAS:** *A recent 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, I, Chet Olson, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as: "Texting and Driving Awareness Month" and encourage all drivers to take the pledge on September 19th, along with others in our nation, to "Never text and drive again."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Rochelle to be affixed this 10th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twelve.

Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest: _____
*Bruce W. McKinney, CMC
City Clerk*

