



CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS Proclamation

- WHEREAS:** *The City of Rochelle 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 1.8 million people have committed to never text and drive; and*
- WHEREAS:** *98 percent of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe; and*
- WHEREAS:** *Nearly 50 percent of commuters text while behind the wheel; and*
- WHEREAS:** *More than 40 percent 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.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chet Olson, Mayor of the City of Rochelle, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2013 as:

“Drive 4 Pledges Day”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed this 23rd day of September, 2013

Chet Olson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Bruce W. McKinney, CMC
City Clerk

