

Office of the Mayor  
Tomball, Texas

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS,** the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI) estimate that nearly eighty percent of crashes and sixty-five percent of near-crashes involve some form of driver inattention; and

**WHEREAS,** NHTSA and VTTI estimate that driver distraction is a factor in approximately 4.78 million crashes, resulting in two million injuries, more than 34,000 fatalities, and as much as \$184 billion in economic damages annually; and

**WHEREAS,** a university study found that college students face a crash risk eight times greater when texting than when not texting and VTTI found that truck drivers face a crash risk or near-crash risk 23 times greater when texting than when not texting; and

**WHEREAS,** the American Media Association called text messaging while driving “a public health risk,” citing a study that found text messaging while driving causes a 400 percent increase in time spent with eyes off the road; and

**WHEREAS,** AT&T has launched a campaign to raise public awareness about the risks of texting and driving and remind all wireless consumers, especially youth, that text messages **can—and should—wait** until driving activities have ceased; and

**WHEREAS,** the “Texting & Driving—It Can Wait” program can literally saves lives throughout our City, State and Country;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tomball, on behalf of the Tomball City Council and all citizens hereof, I do hereby proclaim the week of **Wednesday, September 19, 2012** as:

## **“TEXTING & DRIVING – IT CAN WAIT DAY”**

and encourage all residents of the City of Tomball and the surrounding communities to commit to refrain from texting while driving and to support AT&T in its “Texting & Driving – It Can Wait” program.



*In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.*

*[Signature]*

ATTEST: *Don Spain*

DATE: *September 4, 2012*