

**PROCLAMATION
VILLAGE OF LOMBARD
DRIVE 4 PLEDGES DAY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Lombard 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 other 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 e-mail 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 be involved in a traffic accident; 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 motorists;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Keith T. Giagnorio, President of the Village of Lombard do hereby proclaim September 19, 2013 as “**Drive 4 Pledges Day**” in the Village of Lombard and encourage all motorists to practice safe driving and to support the no-texting, no e-mailing pledge.

Keith T. Giagnorio
Village President

