

**PROCLAMATION
NO TEXT ON BOARD PLEDGE DAY**

- WHEREAS;** the Village of Lombard 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 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 drivers.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gregory A. Gron, Village President Pro-Tem of the Village of Lombard, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2012 as **NO TEXT ON BOARD – PLEDGE DAY, in the Village, and encourage all drivers to take the pledge to never text and drive again.**

Gregory A. Gron
Village President Pro-Tem

