



ROCK ISLAND
ILLINOIS

Mayor Dennis E. Pauley

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: the City of Rock Island holds the health and safety of its teenagers and adults as 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.

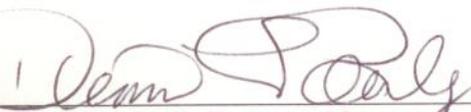
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor of the City of Rock Island, proclaim September 19, 2013 as:

“Drive 4 Pledges Day”

in the City of Rock Island, Illinois.

August 20, 2013
Date




Dennis E. Pauley, Mayor