

1 RESOLUTION NO. RES-10-0049

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3 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
4 CITY OF LONG BEACH DESIGNATING 2010 AS THE YEAR  
5 OF NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING  
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7 WHEREAS, THE City of Long Beach fully supports the no texting while  
8 driving ban in the State of California and the new public awareness and education  
9 campaign launched by AT&T; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach promotes the health and safety of all  
11 Long Beach residents; and

12 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach views texting while driving as a  
13 seriously dangerous and deadly distraction; and

14 WHEREAS, according to Time magazine "National Highway Traffic Safety  
15 Administration (NHTSA) study that identified the cell phone as a serious safety hazard  
16 when used on the road"; and

17 WHEREAS, ArticlesBase wrote that every day in 2008, over 800,000  
18 people were using a mobile phone, texting, or calling while driving in the United States,  
19 making wireless devices the No. 1 source of driver inattention; and

20 WHEREAS, California passed a law in 2008 that made it illegal to talk on  
21 your cell phone while driving, unless the driver has a hands-free device; and

22 WHEREAS, on September 12, 2008, Chatsworth, California experienced a  
23 horrible and deadly train crash when the engineer viewed a text message, as a result 25  
24 people died and more than 100 were injured; and

25 WHEREAS, texting is considered riskier than driving under the influence of  
26 alcohol or drugs according to the Transport Research Laboratory; and

27 WHEREAS, Edgar Snyder & Associates reported that well over 6,000  
28 Americans have lost their lives due to cell phone use by texting or making or receiving

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1 calls via cell phone;

2 NOW, THEREFORE , the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves  
3 as follows:

4 Section 1. That the City of Long Beach hereby promotes safe driving  
5 across California and joins AT&T in its efforts to educate the general public about the  
6 danger of texting while driving.

7 Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption  
8 by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

9 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City  
10 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of May 11, 2010, by the  
11 following vote:

12 Ayes: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, DeLong, Schipske,  
13 Andrews, Reyes Uranga, Lerch.

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16 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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18 Absent: Councilmembers: Garcia, O'Donnell, Gabelich.

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City Clerk

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