



# City of Columbus

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## Legislation Text

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To declare September 19, 2014 to be the National “It Can Wait” Day of Action in Columbus, Ohio to recognize the dangers of texting while driving.

**WHEREAS**, texting while driving is a dangerous form of distracted driving that not only jeopardizes the safety of drivers, but also that of passengers, pedestrians, and other motorists; and

**WHEREAS**, at any given daylight moment across the United States, approximately 660,000 drivers are using cell phones or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, there were 3,328 deaths nationwide resulting from distracted driving in 2012 alone; and

**WHEREAS**, texting while driving remains a widespread problem; nearly 50 percent of commuters text while behind the wheel and more than 40 percent of commuters who text while driving reported the activity as being a habit; and

**WHEREAS**, “It Can Wait” is a national campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of texting while driving, especially among teens; and

**WHEREAS**, The Boys & Girls Clubs of Columbus will be partnering with AT&T on September 18 to kick off their AT&T “It Can Wait” National Day of Action, aimed at promoting safe driving habits; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important for all residents of Columbus, and the nation, to recognize the dangers of distracted driving and to refrain from texting while at the wheel; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:**

That this Council does hereby declare September 19, 2014 to be recognized as the National “It Can Wait” Day of Action in Columbus, Ohio and encourages all Columbus residents to educate themselves and others on the dangers of texting while driving.