

Resolution 2013-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH
SHORES CITY COUNCIL REQUESTING THE 2013
LEGISLATURE TO BAN TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.**

Whereas, the City of Daytona Beach Shores City Council was established in April of 1960, to develop coordinated plans, programs and policies of mutual interest for all residents; and

Whereas, there have been various studies done in recent years that have shown the dangers of texting while driving; and

Whereas, based on the Distraction.gov website, the official United States Government website for distracted driving, sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes from the road for an average of 4.6 seconds, the equivalent, at 55 mph, of driving the length of an entire football field, blind; and

Whereas, Florida has more accidents, deaths and injuries due to crashes than the national average with State numbers show distracted driving is the number one cause for fatal traffic accidents; and

Whereas, Florida is one of eleven states without a ban on text messaging for all drivers as well as one of three states that has no distracted-driving laws.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: The 2013 Legislature pass a law that bans texting while operating motor vehicle and apply a steep penalty if texting results in a crash.

SECTION 2: The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide education on the dangers of electronic distracted driving to all violators of the law.

CITY OF DAYTONA BEACH SHORES, FLORIDA

By: _____
Mayor, Harry Jennings

ATTEST:

By: _____
Michael T. Booker, City Manager

Cheri Schwab, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: _____
Lonnie Groot, City Attorney

Passed and adopted on this _____ day of January, 2013.