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Resolution recognizing the No Texting While Driving event on June 18, 2015, at the Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd.

WHEREAS,

NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING DAY

was commemorated with a special event on June 18, 2015 at the Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club, 3000 N. Sherman Blvd.; and

WHEREAS, The No Texting While Driving Day event, sponsored by AT&T and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, was held to highlight the dangers of texting and driving and to urge Milwaukee youth to take the pledge to never text and drive; and

WHEREAS, More than 100,000 times each year, an automobile crashes and people are injured or die because the driver was texting while driving, and the event at the Mary Ryan Boys and Girls Club urged Milwaukeeans and all Americans to pledge to stop texting and driving, joining with others to make a lifelong commitment to never do so again; and

WHEREAS, Texting behind the wheel takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of five seconds, and at 55 mph, that's driving the length of a football field completely blind, and those who do send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee herewith recognizes No Texting While Driving Day in the City of Milwaukee and joins in the pledge to promote safe driving by resolving to never text while driving; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to organizers of the No Texting While Driving Day event.

Introduced by Common Council members Willie C. Wade, Milele A. Coggs, Joe Davis Sr., Nik Kovac, Ashanti Hamilton, Robert W. Puente, Jim Bohl, Robert J. Bauman and Terry L. Witkowski and approved by all members of the Milwaukee Common Council on June 23, 2015.