

RESOLUTION NO. 13-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN RIVER SHORES IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING ITS SUPPORT ON A BAN ON TEXTING WHILE DRIVING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2011 the Town of Indian River Shores passed Resolution 11-08 supporting a ban on texting while driving; and

WHEREAS, according the insurance institute for highway safety, drivers who use handheld devices while driving are four times as likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, those who engage in dangerous highway safety behaviors, such as texting while driving, fear getting a ticket and fine significantly more than they do being injured or killed in a motor vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS the act of composing, sending or reading text messages interrupts drivers' cognitive attention, causes vision to be directed away the road, and comprises manual control of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS currently 39 States in the U.S., the District of Columbia and Guam ban texting while driving for all drivers; and

WHEREAS the Town Council of the Town of Indian River Shores, in order to promote highway safety and reduce injuries or death resulting from dangerous highway safety behaviors, expresses hereby its support for the adoption by the State of Florida of a statewide ban on texting while driving law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Indian River Shores in Indian River County that:

Section 1. The Town of Indian River Shores hereby supports the adoption of State Legislation to ban texting while driving and to make it unlawful to manually type words, multiple letters, common numbers, common symbols or other text in a wireless communication device, or send or read data in the device for the purpose of non-voice interpersonal communication, including texting, e-mailing and messaging, while operating a motor vehicle in the travel portion of public streets, roads and highways.

Section 2. The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution, upon adoption, to the Indian River County, Florida legislative delegation, as well as to the elected municipal and county officials in Indian River County.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Town Council of the Town of Indian River Shores, Florida, this 28th day of February, 2013.

ATTEST:

/s
Thomas W. Cadden, Mayor

/s
Laura Aldrich, Town Clerk