

LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-01

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**IN RE: NO TEXTING WHILE DRIVING MONTH IN LOUISIANA.**

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**(Decided at the LPSC Business & Executive Session April 17, 2013)**

The Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or "Louisiana Commission"),  
for the reasons cited below, adopts the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS:**

1. The Public Service Commission holds the health and safety of Louisiana residents as a chief concern;

**AND WHEREAS:**

2. 98% of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe according to a survey conducted by ResearchNow in March 2013;

**AND WHEREAS:**

3. According to the same survey, 49% of commuters text while behind the wheel;

**AND WHEREAS:**

4. 43% of commuters who text while driving reported the activity as being a habit according to the ResearchNow survey;

**AND WHEREAS:**

5. A Virginia Tech study from July 2009 showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash;

**AND WHEREAS:**

6. A driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers;

**AND WHEREAS:**

7. The Public Service Commission encourages all drivers not to text and drive and to observe all other highway safety rules while driving;

**AND WHEREAS:**

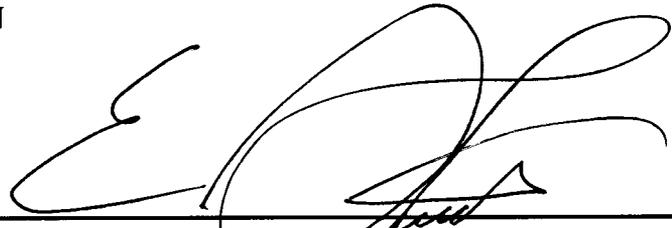
8. Through Facebook, text-to-pledge, tweet-to-pledge and events, more than 1.3 million people have committed to never text and drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

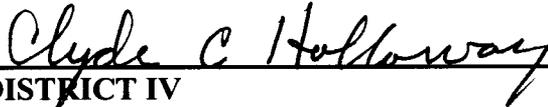
HEREBY RESOLVES to proclaim April as "No Texting While Driving Month in Louisiana."

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

April 17, 2013



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