

RESOLUTION 2017- 056

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF THE FLORIDA DON'T TEXT AND DRIVE COALITION BY URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO MAKE TEXTING WHILE DRIVING A PRIMARY OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed a law banning texting while driving in 2012; and

WHEREAS, the ban was passed as a secondary offense which prevents law enforcement from citing a driver unless they are violating another law such as speeding or careless driving; and

WHEREAS, the ban, as it exists, does not exert enough influence to modify driver behavior as evidenced by statistics from the National Safety Council which indicate that 1 in 4 car accidents involve texting, and approximately 10 people are killed every day as a result of these accidents; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Don't Text and Drive Coalition's objective is to make texting while driving a primary offense which will provide law enforcement the tools necessary to positively modify driver behavior and reduce the number of accidents and fatalities associated with texting while driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. That the Town of Southwest Ranches fully supports the efforts of the Florida Don't Text and Drive Coalition to make texting while driving a primary offense.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to the Governor Scott, Senate President Negron, Speaker of the House Richard Corcoran, Senator Lauren Book and Representative Richard Stark.

Section 3. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

[Signatures on Following Page]

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest

Ranches, Florida, this 10th day of August, 2017 on a motion by

Council Member Schroeder and seconded by Vice Mayor Breitkreuz

McKay
Breitkreuz
Fisikelli
Jablonski
Schroeder

Ayes
Ayes
Ayes
Ayes
Ayes

Ayes 5
Nays 0
Absent 0

Doug McKay
Doug McKay, Mayor

ATTEST:

Russell Muñiz
Russell Muñiz, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:

Keith M. Poliakoff
Keith M. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney