

**“IT CAN WAIT”  
DRIVE 4 PLEDGES DAY**



Rotarians Against Distracted Driving (RADD)



- WHEREAS:** The City of Roswell regards the public safety of our driving teenagers and adults as a chief concern; and
- WHEREAS:** Virtually every adult and many driving teenagers in Roswell and across Georgia rely on wireless service to keep in contact with family and friends; and
- WHEREAS:** Since the first text message was sent 21 years ago, text messaging has become the preferred method of communications for many, especially teens who send on average 60 texts per day; and
- WHEREAS:** Ninety-eight percent of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe, but statistics show that nearly 50 percent of commuters text while behind the wheel; and
- WHEREAS:** A Virginia Tech study showed those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to cause an accident involving fatalities or grievous injury; and
- WHEREAS:** A driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of other innocent passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers; and
- WHEREAS:** Through *ItCanWait.com*, *Facebook*, *Text-to-Pledge*, *Tweet-to-Pledge*, *Rotarians Against Distracted Driving (RADD)* and events sponsored in communities, more than two million people have committed to never text and drive; and
- WHEREAS:** On September 26, 2014, AT&T and the Rotary Club of Roswell join with the students, parents, teachers, and administrators of Centennial High School and the Roswell community to take the *It Can Wait and RADD Pledges* and to share their commitment with family, friends and others to encourage awareness of no texting and driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MAYOR JERE WOOD, do hereby proclaim September 26, 2014 as “*Drive 4 Pledges Day*” in the City of Roswell and urge all of our citizens, who are licensed and get behind the wheel, to take the *It Can Wait* and *RADD Pledges*.

*It witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2014.*

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MAYOR JERE WOOD