

State of New Iersey

GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE PO Box 345 TRENTON, NJ 08625-0345

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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of April, 2014 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in New Jersey

May 21, 2014

WHEREAS, nearly 18 million individuals suffer from alcohol use disorders and alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young people ages 10-21; and,

WHEREAS, there are countless millions of individuals, family members and children who experience the devastating effects of the alcohol problem of someone in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, each year, nearly 100,000 persons die each year from alcohol-related causes: drinking and driving crashes, other accidents, falls, fires, alcohol-related homicides and suicides; and,

WHEREAS, the annual economic cost of alcoholism and alcohol abuse in the United States has recently been estimated by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to be \$224 billion; and,

WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) is sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Month in April 2014, with the theme "Help for Today. Hope for Tomorrow"; and,

WHEREAS, NCADD's Alcohol Awareness Month is intended to raise awareness while encouraging people to make healthy and safe choices when it comes to alcohol use; and,

WHEREAS, the NCADD affiliate in New Jersey, NCADD-New Jersey, has a rich history of raising public awareness about alcoholism and addressing underage drinking in the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of April 2014 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. NCADD-New Jersey, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

Van Ess, Acting Chairman

<u>21 MAY 2014</u>

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