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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of April, 2013 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in New Jersey

April 16, 2013

WHEREAS, more than 18 million individuals suffer from alcohol use disorders and more than 30% of adults will meet the criteria for an alcohol use disorder at some point in their lives; 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 80,000 people die from alcohol-related causes, making it the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States; 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 \$225 billion; and,

WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) is sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Month in April 2013, 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 2013 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.

Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

16 April 2013