

STATE of WISCONSIN



OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

Proclamations

WHEREAS, underage drinking costs the State of Wisconsin nearly \$1 billion annually in medical care, lost work, and pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS, regular alcohol users, age 14 or younger, are four times more likely to become alcohol-dependent later in life; and

WHEREAS, estimates show that Wisconsin loses 4,011 years of life each year because of underage drinking; and *WHEREAS*, the state has effectively reduced early alcohol use, current drinking, and binge drinking by high school students to rates below the national average; and

WHEREAS, this success has been achieved through partnerships among parents, educators, law enforcement, health providers, state and local governments, and community substance use prevention coalitions to reduce youth access to alcohol via alcohol age-compliance checks and local efforts to discourage property owners from allowing underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a Party to Teenage Drinking" campaign has prompted important community and family discussions about underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin departments of Health Services and Transportation in collaboration with the Wisconsin Alliance for Youth, community substance use prevention coalitions, and law enforcement agencies are again actively supporting this important public information campaign;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as

UNDERAGE ALCOHOL USE & ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 8th day of March 2017.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:
Douglas La Follette
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Secretary of State