

**CITY OF WASILLA  
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 11-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL PROCLAIMING APRIL AS  
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH.**

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WHEREAS, "Alcohol Awareness Month" was established as a nationwide effort to provide the American public with information about the disease of alcoholism and the serious problem of alcohol abuse;

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous, not only to themselves – but to society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who wait until age 21 to drink alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use undermines adolescent brain development, seriously impacting learning and behavior, and

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is linked to sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is a factor in the leading cause of death among persons ages 10-24 which include motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

WHEREAS, private parties are the primary source by which underage youth obtain alcohol; and

WHEREAS, parents dramatically underestimate youth binge drinking and they need to become aware of this issue and how it effects underage youth in our community.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Wasilla encourages all community members to prevent underage drinking during the month of April; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Wasilla does hereby support the month of April 2011 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" and encourages all citizens to raise a generation of alcohol and drug-free youth.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on April 11, 2011.

  
VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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VOTE: Harris, Holler, Katkus, Menard, Sullivan-Leonard and Woodruff in favor.