



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, since 1987, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) has designated the month of April as "Alcohol Awareness Month;" and

WHEREAS, for this year's observance, NCADD has chosen the theme, "Healthy Choices, Healthy Communities: Prevent Underage Drinking," to promote awareness of the pervasive and destructive impact that alcohol, alcohol-related problems and alcoholism have on young people, their friends and families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the number one drug of choice for America's youth, surpassing tobacco and illicit drugs; and

WHEREAS, those who begin consuming alcohol before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcoholism than those who begin at age 21; and

WHEREAS, alcoholism is a chronic, progressive disease that is genetically predisposed but is nevertheless a treatable condition from which people can and do recover; and

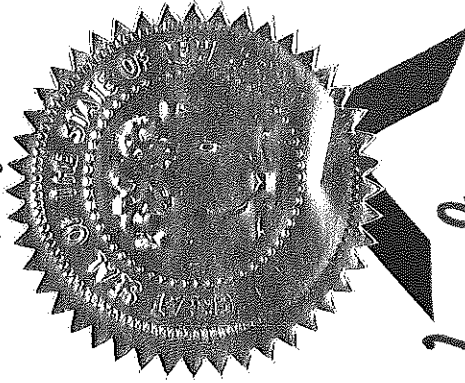
WHEREAS, NCADD's New Jersey affiliate and the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse are committed to developing initiatives that educate New Jersey's young people about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse while assisting those who are already struggling with substance addiction; and

WHEREAS, the month of April offers numerous opportunities for parents, schools and colleges, community leaders, healthcare providers, employers and young people to cooperate on efforts to control alcohol abuse among underage residents and promote healthy recreational alternatives to drinking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS CHRISTIE, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

APRIL 2012
AS
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

in New Jersey.



Kim Guadagno

Lt. GOVERNOR

Chris Christie
GOVERNOR

GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this ninth day of April in the year two thousand twelve, the two hundred thirty-sixth year of the Independence of the United States.