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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of April, 2016 as
"Alcohol Awareness Month" in New Jersey

April 18, 2016

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States: 17.6 million people, or one in every 12 adults, suffer from alcohol abuse or dependence along with several million more who engage in risky, binge drinking patterns that could lead to alcohol problems; and,

WHEREAS, 88,000 deaths are annually attributed to excessive alcohol use, with alcoholism being the 3rd leading lifestyle-related cause of death in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, some people are able to recover without help, the majority of those living with alcoholism need outside assistance to recover from their disease, yet, with support and treatment, many are able to stop drinking and reclaim their lives; and,

WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) is sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Month in April 2016, with the theme "Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use"; and,

WHEREAS, NCADD's Alcohol Awareness Month 2016 is aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, particularly among our youth, and the important role that parents can play in giving kids a better understanding of the impact that alcohol can have on their lives; and,

WHEREAS, an integral part of Alcohol Awareness Month 2016 is Alcohol-Free Weekend (April 1-3, 2016), which is designed to raise public awareness about the use of alcohol and how it may be affecting individuals, families, and the community; 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 2016 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
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

16 March 2016
Date