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RESOLUTION

**Recognizing the Month of April, 2018 as
"Alcohol Awareness Month" in New Jersey**

April 18, 2018

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

WHEREAS, Alcoholism, a chronic, progressive disease, genetically predisposed and fatal if untreated, is treatable, people can and do recover, and as many as 20 million individuals and family members presently live lives in recovery; and,

WHEREAS, Alcohol Awareness Month 2018 brings to light the fact that drinking alcohol during pregnancy can disrupt fetal development at any stage during a woman's pregnancy, as well as the fact that parents play an important role in giving young people a better understanding of the impact alcohol can have on their lives; and,

WHEREAS, Alcoholism Awareness Month provides a focused opportunity across America to decrease stigma and misunderstandings dismantle the barriers to treatment and recovery, and thus make seeking help more readily available to those who suffer from this disease; and,

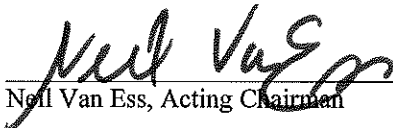
WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) 2018 Alcohol Awareness Month theme is "Changing Attitudes: It's Not a Rite of Passage" with the purpose of increasing awareness of alcoholism, its causes, effective treatment and recovery; and,

WHEREAS, an integral part of Alcohol Awareness Month 2018 is Alcohol-Free Weekend (April 1-3, 2018), when NCADD extends an open invitation to all Americans to engage in three alcohol-free days; 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 2018 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Phil Murphy, 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

4.18.18
Date