

Office of the Mayor
Township of Bordentown
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of April is "Alcohol Awareness Month" and it has been reported that more than 1.6 million young people are driving under the influence of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., (NCADD), was founded in 1944 as a voluntary health organization dedicated to fighting the #1 health problem Alcoholism and Drug Addiction and the devastating consequences on families and communities; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1987, the NCADD designated the month of April as "Alcohol Awareness Month". They are hosting their annual Conference this year in Arlington, Virginia from April 8th through April 11th. The theme this year is "Having Our Voices Heard", which focuses on encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, (CDC), defines heavy drinking as 8 or more drinks per week for women and 15 or more drinks for men; and


WHEREAS, according to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, (NIAAA), states that "binge drinking" is defined as drinking that brings the blood alcohol concentration, (BAC), levels to 0.08g/dL. This BAC level is the result of having 4 drinks for women and 5 drinks for men within a 2 hour period; and

WHEREAS, the abuse of alcohol can have many consequences such as poor grades for students, rise in assaults, addiction, poor decision making, fatalities, accidents and much more; and

WHEREAS, we as a society must be aware of the alcohol abuse that is invasive to our communities and is considered the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; we must strive to be good role models to our youth continuing to educate them on the negative aspects of the excess use of alcohol and teach them drinking responsibly can save lives; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **Steve Benowitz**, Mayor of Bordentown Township, do hereby proclaim that the month of April as "Alcohol Awareness Month" which creates an opportunity for parents, schools, colleges, community leaders, health professionals, employees and young people to make a significant effort to control alcohol abuse and encourage healthy recreational alternatives.




STEVE BENOWITZ, MAYOR