



AGENDA ITEM NO.

E-2

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: April 19, 2016

Date: March 23, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisors Ryan Sundberg

Subject: Proclaim April 2016 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Humboldt County

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors adopt the Proclamation.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Mental Health Branch has requested the Board of Supervisors recognize Alcohol Awareness Month with a proclamation. DHHS Mental Health Branch encourage citizens to educate one another about addiction, treatment and recovery and to access resources available in the community including the DHHS Mental Health Branch Alcohol and Other Drug Services.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Proclamation

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature 

REVIEW:

Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other Special Presentation (5 minutes)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg
 Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
 And unanimously carried by those members present,
 The Board hereby adopts the recommended action
 contained in this report.

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. _____

Meeting of: _____

Dated: April 19, 2016
Tracy Damico, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By: 

**PROCLAMATION
of the
Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt**



WHEREAS, the theme of the 2016 National Alcohol Awareness Month is "Talk Early, Talk Often: Parents Can Make a Difference in Teen Alcohol Use; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons ages 10-21; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United State and the most used drug for Humboldt County youth; and

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

WHEREAS, young people who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to have serious school-related problems; and

WHEREAS, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, kids who have conversations with their parents and learn about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

WHEREAS, the Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention work to reduce harms from alcohol and drugs in Humboldt County, including working with the Eureka Police Department to pass a Social Host Ordinance, where adults who host a party where underage drinking occurs can receive a civil fine; and

WHEREAS, Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention will support the adoption of social host ordinances in multiple communities throughout Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services works to prevent underage drug and alcohol use and create a safe and healthy environment, and to offer services for substance abuse and addiction treatment,.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April 2016 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Humboldt County, and calls upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in Humboldt County to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide Hope, Help and Healing for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

Dated: April 19, 2016


Mark Lovelace, Chair