



## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C-6

For the meeting of: April 25, 2017

Date: April 18, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Supervisors Ryan Sundberg  
Subject: Proclaim April 2017 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 Tracy Damico

Signature

**REVIEW:**

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**TYPE OF ITEM:**

XX \_\_\_\_\_ Consent  
\_\_\_\_\_ Departmental  
\_\_\_\_\_ Public Hearing \_\_\_\_\_ Other Special Presentation (5 minutes)

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

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

Dated: Apr. 25, 2017  
Tracy Damico, Deputy Clerk of the Board

By:

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



**WHEREAS**, the theme of the 2017 National Alcohol Awareness Month is "Connecting the Dots: Opportunities for Recovery. A comprehensive approach to addressing underage drinking;" and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young persons ages 10 to 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 percent less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention work to reduce harm from alcohol and drugs in Humboldt County; and

**WHEREAS**, Humboldt Allies for Substance Abuse Prevention will support the adoption of social host ordinances in multiple communities through Humboldt County in order to reduce and deter underage drinking at home parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Humboldt County Department of Health & 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 2017 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.

*Virginia Bass*

April 12, 2017