

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 697 Session of
2015

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WHEELAND, PAYNE, SCHREIBER, NEILSON, MAJOR, MAHONEY AND
D. COSTA, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of April 2016 as "Alcohol Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Responsible consumption of alcohol by adults 21
4 years of age or older and a zero-tolerance stance for alcohol
5 use by underage youths is vital to maintaining a healthy and
6 responsible citizenry; and

7 WHEREAS, Alcohol use by young people is dangerous due to the
8 risks associated with acute impairment and the threat to long-
9 term development and well-being; and

10 WHEREAS, It is illegal to serve alcohol to a minor or a
11 visibly intoxicated patron at any retail operation or
12 establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages; and

13 WHEREAS, Anyone found guilty of providing alcohol to minors
14 or to visibly intoxicated patrons faces various penalties,
15 including an immediate suspension or revocation of the liquor

1 license or a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than
2 \$5,000; and

3 WHEREAS, Adults in this Commonwealth have the authority and
4 responsibility to provide minors with alternative opportunities
5 by creating alcohol-free activities; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania beer industry and its beer
7 wholesale distributors promote responsible drinking by providing
8 the public and their retail accounts with education and
9 responsibility measures to ensure that no underage youth has
10 access to beer products; and

11 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth encourages residents to refuse to
12 provide alcoholic beverages to underage youths and to take the
13 necessary steps to discourage the illegal and unhealthy practice
14 of underage drinking, including reporting illegal drinking to
15 local police; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the
17 month of April 2016 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in
18 Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives discourage the
20 use of alcohol by persons under the legal age of consumption and
21 exhort all residents of this Commonwealth to refuse to provide
22 alcoholic beverages to underage youths and to continue to take
23 the necessary steps to discourage this illegal and unhealthy
24 activity.