
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 21, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2022 as "Alcohol Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Most adults in the United States who drink alcohol
4 do so moderately and without complications, yet alcohol-related
5 problems are among the most significant public health issues in
6 the country; and

7 WHEREAS, Alcohol use disorder (AUD) affects about 15 million
8 adults in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated 88,000 people die from alcohol-related
10 causes annually, making alcohol the third most preventable cause
11 of death in the nation; and

12 WHEREAS, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America kicked off
13 a month-long campaign with its Alcohol-Free Weekend to raise
14 public awareness about the use of alcohol and how it affects
15 individuals, families, businesses and communities; and

16 WHEREAS, This year, the theme led by the Community Anti-Drug
17 Coalitions of America is, "For the Health of It: Early Education

1 on Alcoholism and Addiction," which highlights that alcohol
2 remains the number one drug of choice for America's youth and is
3 more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs
4 combined; and

5 WHEREAS, According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use
6 and Health, an estimated 414,000 adolescents 12 to 17 years of
7 age had AUD; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the same study, nearly 7 million people
9 12 to 20 years of age reported drinking alcohol in the past
10 month and approximately 825,000 people 12 to 20 years of age
11 reported heavy alcohol use in the past month; and

12 WHEREAS, Alcohol use during the teenage years can interfere
13 with normal adolescent brain development, increase the risk of
14 developing AUD, and lead to unintended consequences such as
15 injury, sexual assault, alcohol overdose and death; therefore be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2022
18 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate inform Pennsylvanians of the
20 dangers associated with alcohol use and abuse in adults and
21 children.