
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the month of April 2004 as "Alcohol Awareness Month"
2 in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Alcohol is a factor in the four leading causes of
4 death among persons between 10 and 24 years of age, which causes
5 are motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and
6 suicide; and

7 WHEREAS, Approximately 9.7 million current drinkers in the
8 United States are between 12 and 20 years of age; and

9 WHEREAS, Alcohol is the drug most frequently used by high
10 school seniors; and

11 WHEREAS, Young people begin drinking on average at 13.1 years
12 of age; and

13 WHEREAS, Young people who begin drinking before they become
14 15 years of age are four times more likely to develop alcohol
15 dependence than those who begin drinking at 21 years of age; and

16 WHEREAS, Alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of

1 all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students
2 and is a major factor in unprotected sex among young people,
3 increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other sexually
4 transmitted diseases; and

5 WHEREAS, A typical young person in the United States will see
6 100,000 beer commercials before he turns 18, which is more
7 advertising than for sneakers, gum and jeans; and

8 WHEREAS, Federal courts have held that there is a correlation
9 between alcoholic beverage advertising and consumption of the
10 advertised products; and

11 WHEREAS, An extensive set of research studies supports the
12 holding of Federal courts that alcoholic beverage advertising
13 influences underage drinking; and

14 WHEREAS, Thirteen percent of persons between 12 and 17 years
15 of age have had at least one serious problem related to drinking
16 in the past year; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the month of April 2004
18 as "Alcohol Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania and call upon all
19 citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private
20 institutions, hospitals and schools to discourage underage
21 consumption of alcoholic beverages and support alcohol recovery
22 programs throughout this Commonwealth.