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RESOLUTION

Recognizing the Month of April, 2016 as
'Alcohol Awareness Month' in New Jersey

May 17, 2017

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States: 15.1 million adults ages 18 and over had an alcohol use disorder along with several million more who engage in risky, binge drinking patterns that could lead to alcohol problems; and,

WHEREAS, 88,000 deaths are annually attributed to excessive alcohol use, making alcohol the fourth leading preventable cause of death; and,

WHEREAS, some people are able to recover without help, the majority of those living with alcoholism need outside assistance to recover from their disease, yet, with support and treatment, many are able to stop drinking and reclaim their lives; and,

WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) is sponsoring Alcohol Awareness Month in April 2017, with the theme 'Connecting the Dots: Opportunities for Recovery'; and,

WHEREAS, NCADD's Alcohol Awareness Month 2017 is aimed at educating people about the treatment and prevention of alcoholism, particularly among our youth, and the important role that parents can play in giving kids a better understanding of the impact that alcohol can have on their lives; and,

WHEREAS, an integral part of Alcohol Awareness Month 2017 is Alcohol-Free Weekend (March 30-April 2, 2017), which is designed to raise public awareness about the use of alcohol and how it may be affecting individuals, families, and the community; and,

WHEREAS, the NCADD affiliate in New Jersey, NCADD-New Jersey, has a rich history of raising public awareness about alcoholism and addressing underage drinking in the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse hereby recognizes the month of April 2017 as 'Alcohol Awareness Month' in New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Chris Christie, the New Jersey Legislature, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. NCADD-New Jersey, County Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Directors and County Alliance Coordinators.

Handwritten signature of Neil Van Ess
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

17 May 2017
Date