

# ***Sample Proclamation***

Office of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners  
Gwinnett County of Georgia

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, “alcohol use by persons under age 21 is a major public health problem;” and

WHEREAS, According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, “underage alcohol use is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined;” and

WHEREAS, The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) reports that “Alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous—both to themselves and to society, and is directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, educational failure, alcohol overdose, unsafe sex and other problem behaviors;” and

WHEREAS, According to the 2014 Gwinnett Coalition for Health and Human Services Youth Health Survey, 19% of Gwinnett County high school students report using alcohol in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 Georgia Student Health Survey reports that the average age of first alcohol use in Gwinnett County is 13 years old; and

WHEREAS, Youth, with the care and support from family, friends, health professionals, teachers, clergy and others, can avoid the negative effects of alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, The Gwinnett United In Drug Education, Inc. Youth Advisory Board invites all residents of Gwinnett County to participate in (NAME OF EVENT).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Charlotte J. Nash, Chairman of Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim (date) as

NAME OF EVENT

in Gwinnett County and encourage parents, caregivers and all residents to prevent underage alcohol use by talking to youth about the harmful effects and consequences and how they can resist pressure to get involved in the use of alcohol.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the Gwinnett County of Georgia, this [\_\_th] day of (month and year).

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Chairman, Board of Commissioners  
Gwinnett County, Georgia