

PROCLAMATION

**NATIONAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH
"HELP FOR TODAY, HOPE FOR TOMORROW"
APRIL 2019**

WHEREAS, excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.6 million young people report driving under the influence of alcohol in the past year; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, drinking by persons under the age of 21 is linked to 189,000 emergency room visits; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

WHEREAS, kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to have serious school-related problems; and

WHEREAS, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, kids who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Plumsted, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey now join Facing Addiction with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and do hereby proclaim that April 2019 is Alcohol Awareness Month in Plumsted Township.

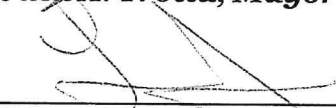
BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Mayor and Township Committee also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Plumsted Township to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide "Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow" for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse. May it be so decreed.



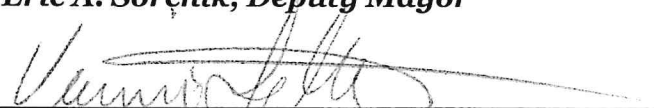
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