STATE *of* WISCONSIN

OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

Proclamation

WHEREAS; while progress has been made, underage drinking is especially severe in Wisconsin, with 28 percent of the State's high school students reporting alcohol use, and 18 percent reporting binge drinking, and parental support, monitoring, and communication can significantly reduce drinking among adolescents; and

WHEREAS; adults who provide alcohol to youth place them at risk for acute impairment, and threaten their long-term development and well-being, often with tragic health, social, and economic problems; and

WHEREAS; in 2010, underage drinking cost the citizens of Wisconsin $1 billion including medical care, work loss, and pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS; unless you are a parent, legal guardian, or spouse of an underage individual, and are 21 years of age or older, it is illegal to sell, serve, or provide alcohol to underage individuals; and

WHEREAS; Wisconsin police departments routinely conduct both alcohol-age compliance checks at licensed establishments, and rigorously enforce laws against selling, serving, or providing alcohol to underage youth; and

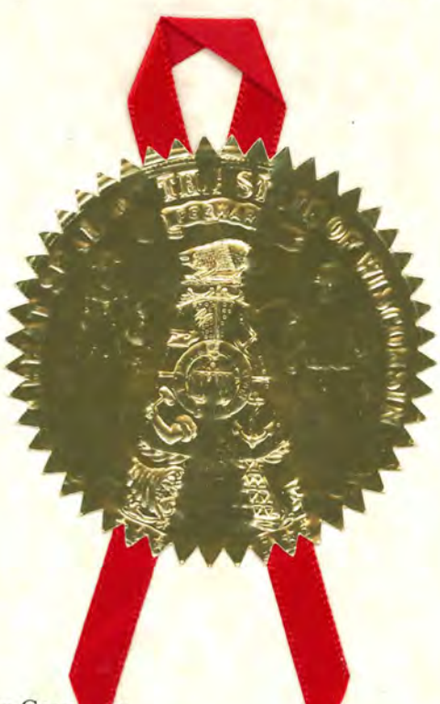
WHEREAS; 22 Wisconsin municipalities and five counties have adopted ordinances with penalties up to $5,000 for those who provide alcohol to underage youth; and

WHEREAS; the Wisconsin Departments of Health Services and Transportation are working together with more than 50 regional and local community coalitions and law enforcement to sponsor a statewide campaign to reduce underage drinking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim April 2015, as

TEEN ALCOHOL USE & ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin, and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 5th day of March 2015.

SCOTT WALKER
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

Douglas La Follette

DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
Secretary of State