

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Proclamation

**LAKE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
RECOGNIZES APRIL 2021 AS
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH.**

WHEREAS, Lake County had 102 DUI collisions in 2020, 49 of those resulting in injuries and one fatality.

WHEREAS, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence reports that alcohol use by young people is extremely dangerous to themselves and to society, and is directly associated with traffic fatalities, violence, suicide, and educational failure; and

WHEREAS, youth who drink alcohol are more likely to experience changes in brain development that have lifelong effects as well as unwanted, unplanned and unprotected sexual activity; and

WHEREAS, approximately 9.7 million current drinkers in the United States are between the ages of 12-20; 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, underage drinking hospitalizations cost more than \$755 million in the U.S. each year due to accidents, assaults and fights; and

WHEREAS, success will not occur overnight, our patience and continued commitment to alcohol education and prevention are imperative.

The County of Lake Board of Supervisors and Lake County Behavioral Health Services urges all residents, parents, public and private organizations, hospitals, schools and colleges in Lake County to support efforts that will increase community awareness, understanding and action to address underage drinking in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, Board of Supervisor for the County of Lake join with the Lake County Behavioral Health Services Department and do hereby proclaim that April 2021 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the County of Lake.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of April, 2021.

Attest: Carol Huchingson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

COUNTY OF LAKE

By: _____

Chair, Board of Supervisors