

# CITY OF BELLE ISLE



## Proclamation

### PowerTalk 21<sup>®</sup> Day

- WHEREAS**, the City of Belle Isle, recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol and other drugs in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities; and
- WHEREAS**, high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and
- WHEREAS**, 27 percent of middle school students try alcohol before graduating from 8th grade, significantly increasing the risk that they will develop alcohol problems later in life; and
- WHEREAS**, teen alcohol use kills 4,300 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined; and
- WHEREAS**, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and
- WHEREAS**, PowerTalk 21<sup>®</sup>, started by Mothers Against Drunk Driving<sup>®</sup> (MADD) in 2011, is established to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol and using other drugs; and
- WHEREAS**, in 2021, MADD encourages parents to use PowerTalk 21<sup>®</sup>, as part of the Power of Parents<sup>®</sup> program to create a sustained and prolonged conversation about underage drinking and other drugs among middle school and high school students; and
- WHEREAS**, to equip parents to talk with their teens about alcohol, MADD Central Florida invites all parents to go to [www.madd.org/powerofparents.org](http://www.madd.org/powerofparents.org) for a free download of our Power of Parents handbook giving parents the tools to effectively talk to their children about alcohol and other drugs to protect them; and
- WHEREAS**, I urge all citizens to join in the local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities.
- NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Nick Fouraker, Mayor of the City of Belle Isle, Florida, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2021, as PowerTalk 21<sup>®</sup> Day in the City of Belle Isle,

Attest:

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Yolanda Quiceno, CMC-City Clerk

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Mayor Nicholas Fouraker