

Proclamation

2022 Underage Drinking Prevention and Awareness Months

Underage drinking is a national public health issue with serious implications. Although we have accomplished so much in the Town of Moncks Corner to address this pervasive problem, there is still much more we can do. According to a study by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 10 million people younger than the age of 21 drank alcohol in the past month in the United States. However, many young people start drinking before the age of 15. The Monitoring the Future Survey found that 70 percent of 12th graders in the United States had tried alcohol at some time in their lives. The survey also found that 27 percent of 10th graders said that they had consumed alcohol in the 30-day period before the survey.

WHEREAS, underage drinking has severe consequences, many of which parents and caregivers may not be fully aware. Consequences of underage drinking may include injury or death from accidents; unintended, unwanted, and unprotected sexual activity; academic problems; and drug use; and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers have a significant influence on young people's decisions about alcohol consumption, especially when they create supportive and nurturing alcohol-free environments; and

WHEREAS, youth who start drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after age 21; and

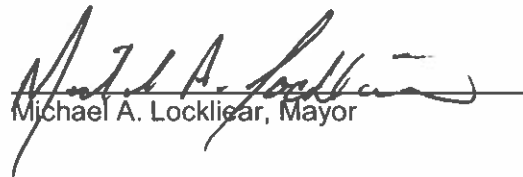
WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the grave threat to their long-term development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, parents, educators, and community leaders who work with our young people every day are our best advocates for responsible decision-making; and

WHEREAS, Moncks Corner Police Department is dedicated to educating all students of the dangers of underage drinking as High Schools within the town are preparing for their Junior/Senior Proms with Berkeley Middle College High School on April 01, 2022, St. John's Christian Academy on April 30, 2022, and Berkeley High School on May 13, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Michael A. Locklear, Mayor and Town Council Members formally designate the months of April and May 2022, as Underage Drinking Prevention and Awareness Months in the Town of Moncks Corner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd Day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-two.


Michael A. Locklear, Mayor

Attest:


Marilyn M. Baker, Clerk to Council