



RESOLUTION ON STOPPING UNDERAGE DRINKING

- Whereas:** Alcohol is the number one drug of choice among Kansas youth and youth begin drinking as early as age 14*; and
- Whereas:** Recent research on adolescent brain development suggests that early heavy alcohol use has negative effects on the actual physical development of the brain; and
- Whereas:** 34% of Kansas 12th graders reported binge drinking (consuming 5 or more alcoholic drinks in a row) in the last 2 weeks*; and
- Whereas:** Among 10th and 12th graders in Kansas, 37% of 10th graders and 50% of 12th graders reported drinking alcohol at least once in the past 30 days*; and
- Whereas:** Kansas youth report easy access to beer or alcohol from social sources such as older family members or friends and report it is also easy to obtain from them*; and
- Whereas:** Alcohol is a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers – accidents, youth suicides and homicides; and
- Whereas:** Research-based policies that influence access and consumption of alcohol by minors such as keg registration, the social hosting law, restrictions on furnishing alcohol to minors, and restrictions on alcohol sales in public locations are effective approaches to reducing underage drinking;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

_____ (Name of Organization/School/Business, City and County)

Supports the above-mentioned efforts and pledges to promote educational programs designed to reduce underage drinking in Kansas.

SIGNED: _____ **Date** _____
(Please print) (Written signature)

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Please return a signed copy of the Resolution to:
Kansas Leadership to Keep Children Alcohol Free
c/o Kansas Family Partnership, Inc.
5942 SW 29th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66614

* From the 2008 Kansas Communities That Care Survey