

Resolution on Underage Drinking

- Whereas:** Alcohol is the number one drug of choice among Kansas youth; and
- Whereas:** Alcohol is a powerful, mood-altering drug that dramatically affects a child's development and behavior, and its use by children should not be considered just another "rite of passage" on the way to adulthood; and
- Whereas:** In 1999, 35.9% of all Kansans ages 20 and under involved in alcohol-related crashes were injured.
- Whereas:** The average age that Kansas youth begin drinking is 12.68; and
- Whereas:** 12.7% of 6th graders, 31.2% of 8th graders, 49.6% of 10th graders, and 61.1% of 12th graders in Kansas have had beer, wine, or hard liquor at least once in the last 30 days; and
- Whereas:** 4.0% of 6th graders, 13.6% of 8th graders, 28.8% of 10th graders, and 39.7% of 12th graders in Kansas have had five or more alcoholic drinks in a row over the last two weeks; and
- Whereas:** Research-based policies that influence access and consumption of alcohol by minors such as keg registration, 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/Agency/Association)

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____



Please return a signed copy of this Resolution to: Kansas Family Partnership
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