

PROCLAMATION

April 2009

“Don’t be a Party to Teenage Drinking” Month

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems, and

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

WHEREAS, it is illegal to give or allow your teen’s friends to drink alcohol in your home, even with their parents’ permission, and

WHEREAS, anyone found guilty of providing alcohol to youth can face up to a \$1,000 fine and six months in jail, in addition to any civil action that can be brought as a result of damages or injury related to the offense, and

WHEREAS, adults have the authority and responsibility to our youth to provide them with alternative opportunities by creating alcohol free activities, and

WHEREAS, Dexter Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking (DCRUD), through the “Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a party to teenage drinking” campaign developed by the Drug-Free Action Alliance, provides the educational materials to raise community awareness regarding this illegal and unhealthy practice, and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County encourages residents to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to underage youth and to take the necessary steps to discourage the illegal and unhealthy practice, including the reporting of underage drinking by calling their local police, and

WHEREAS, be it resolved that Washtenaw County not only discourages the use of alcohol by those below the legal age of consumption but also exhorts all residents of Washtenaw County to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to those underage youth, and will continue to take the necessary steps to discourage this illegal and unhealthy activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Ouimet, Commissioner of Washtenaw County in the State of Michigan do hereby proclaim the Month of April 2009 to be:

“Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don’t be a Party to Teenage Drinking” Month





Mark Ouimet
Washtenaw County Commissioner District 1