



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, underage drinking and current alcohol use among high schools students in the United States and Wisconsin is a significant public health issue; and

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to youth place them at risk for acute impairment and threats to their long-term development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to give or allow underage alcohol use in private homes; and

WHEREAS, police departments routinely conduct alcohol age compliance checks at licensed establishments and rigorously enforce laws against selling or serving alcohol to underage youth; and

WHEREAS, parental support, monitoring, and communication can significantly reduce drinking among adolescents; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse prevention programs are economically beneficial, with a nearly \$10 return for every \$1 invested; and

WHEREAS, in April 2009, the Department of Health Services (DHS) will award \$1.7 million to community coalitions to help prevent underage drinking, curb binge drinking, and reduce alcohol related motor vehicle injuries and fatalities; and

WHEREAS, DHS has established five Alliance for Wisconsin Youth Regional Prevention Centers to assist local communities in implementing evidence-based prevention programs; and

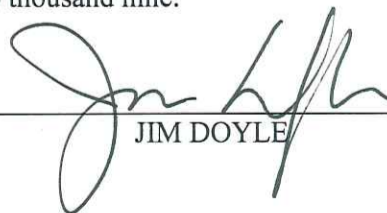
WHEREAS, during April 2009, DHS, the Department of Public Instruction, the Department of Transportation, local community coalitions, and law enforcement is sponsoring a statewide campaign to reduce underage drinking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim Doyle, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of **April 2009** as

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ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

in the State of Wisconsin and call upon the people of Wisconsin to discourage the use of alcohol by adolescents and urge all adults to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to underage youth.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fifteenth day of April in the year two thousand nine.


JIM DOYLE

By the Governor:


DOUGLAS A FOLLETTE
Secretary of State