



PROCLAMATION
NCADD ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH – APRIL, 2018

“Changing Attitudes: It’s not a ‘rite of passage’.”

WHEREAS, excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.6 million young people report driving under the influence of alcohol in the past year; and

WHEREAS, young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, drinking by persons under the age of 21 is linked to 189,000 emergency room visits; and

WHEREAS, the typical American will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18; and

WHEREAS, kids who drink are more likely to be victims of violent crime, to be involved in alcohol-related traffic crashes, and to have serious school-related problems; and

WHEREAS, a supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents; and

WHEREAS, kids who have conversations with their parents and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drug use are 50 percent less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don’t have such conversations.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Sean McDermott, now join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and do hereby proclaim that April, 2018 is Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of Countryside. As the Mayor of the City of Countryside, I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in and around our community to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide **Hope, Help and Healing** for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol use and abuse.

May it be so decreed.

Dated this 28th day of March, 2018

Sean R. McDermott, Mayor

ATTEST: Susan Burdett, City Clerk

