

RESOLUTION 11-2017

**DECLARING APRIL ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, nearly 10 million young people, ages 12 to 20, report that they've consumed alcohol in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, yet people aged 12 to 20 drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States; 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% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don't have such conversations.

THEREFORE, WE, THE JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, now join the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and do hereby proclaim that April 2017 is Alcohol Awareness Month in Jefferson County. As the Commissioners, we also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in Jefferson County 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.

DATED, this 28th day of March, 2017.

ATTEST:

**BONNIE RAMEY
CLERK AND RECORDER**

CORY KIRSCH, CHAIR

LEONARD WORTMAN, COMMISSIONER

BOB MULLEN, COMMISSIONER