



Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Whereas: *it is one of the privileges of the Mayor to recognize and honor significant occasions in our community; and*

WHEREAS: Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) is mobilizing the entire community, including parents, youth and community groups and other stakeholders to tackle the complex problem of underage drinking; and

WHEREAS: alcohol is the drug of choice for teens and the widespread nature of the problem is alarming with approximately 30% of eighth graders and 50% of tenth graders having tried alcohol; and

WHEREAS: one in six teens binge drinks, but only one in 100 parents believes his or her child binge drinks. Underage drinking is illegal and presents a serious and potentially deadly threat to our youth. Teen alcohol use kills approximately 4,700 people each year, more than all other drugs combined; and

WHEREAS: MADD has a vision to have April 21st of each year widely known as PowerTalk® 21, an annual day for parents to talk with their kids about underage drinking, using the Power of Parents handbook as a guide; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor of the City of Grove City do hereby proclaim April 21, 2017 as:

"PowerTalk® 21 Day"

in Grove City and urge parents to talk with their children about underage drinking.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of Grove City, Ohio be affixed this 7th day of April in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Richard L. "Ike" Stage, Mayor