

# Proclamation

City of Tigard

## Alcohol Awareness Month April 2016

**WHEREAS**, alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in the United States and is a primary factor in the four leading causes of death for young people ages 10-21; 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**, 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 can influence a child's decision about whether or not to use alcohol and drugs; 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.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I**, John L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Tigard, Oregon, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as

### **ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH**

in Tigard, Oregon and in keeping with the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence and Tigard Turns the Tide, urge all residents, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals and schools in Tigard to support efforts that will provide early education about alcoholism and addiction and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism.

Dated this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tigard to be affixed.

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John L. Cook, Mayor  
City of Tigard

**Attest:**

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City Recorder