

**PROCLAMATION  
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2007**

**WHEREAS**, Alcohol is a factor in the leading cause of death among persons ages 10-24: motor vehicle crashes, unintentional injuries, homicide and suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, Approximately 9.7 million current drinkers in the United States are between the ages of 12-20; and

**WHEREAS**, Alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high-school seniors, and young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age; 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

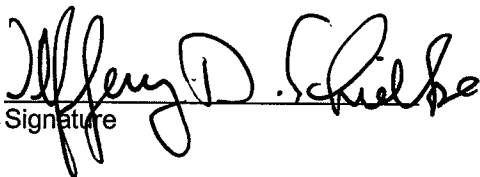
**WHEREAS**, Alcohol abuse is linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students and is a major factor in unprotected sex among youth, increasing their risk of contracting HIV or other transmitted diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, The typical American young person will see 100,000 beer commercials before he or she turns 18 (more than all commercials for sneakers, gum and jeans); and

**WHEREAS**, Thirteen percent of all youth, ages 12-17, had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** That I, Jeffery Schielke, do hereby proclaim that **April 2007 is Alcohol Awareness Month** in the City of Batavia, Illinois.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** That the Batavia City Council calls upon all citizens, parents, youth, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals and schools in Batavia to support efforts *for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse*, that will reduce and prevent underage drinking in our community.

  
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