



City of Geneva, Illinois

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, Kevin R. Burns, do hereby proclaim that **April 2007 is Alcohol Awareness Month** in the City of Geneva, Illinois.

**In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand
this 13th day of March, 2007.**


Kevin R. Burns, Mayor