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PROCLAMATION

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

Be it further resolved that the Elgin City Council calls upon all citizens, parents, youth, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals and schools in Elgin to support efforts for the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse, that will reduce and prevent underage drinking in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ed Schock, Mayor of the City of Elgin, Illinois, do hereby proclaim that **April 2007 is Alcohol Awareness Month** in the City of Elgin, Illinois.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this
28th Day of February, 2007


Ed Schock
Mayor