



Item 5

Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: April 9, 2013

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE: APPROVE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2013 AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH IN TRAVIS COUNTY

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

Please see attached Resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommends approval of this Resolution.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Roger Jefferies, Justice and Public Safety Executive Manager

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, agenda@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

Whereas, the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence has sponsored Alcohol Awareness Month every April since 1987; and

Whereas, “Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow” is the theme for 2013, the 27th anniversary of Alcohol Awareness Month; and

Whereas, Alcohol Abuse causes or exacerbates serious medical conditions, family problems, criminal activity, financial struggles, social difficulties, psychiatric illness, and poor performance at school and work; and

Whereas, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reports excessive alcohol use is responsible for approximately 80,000 deaths annually, making excessive alcohol use the third leading lifestyle-related cause of death for the nation; and

Whereas, 38 percent of all traffic deaths nationwide and 47 percent of all traffic deaths in Texas are alcohol related; and

Whereas, A study conducted by the Daily Beast, the “25 Drunkest Cities of 2012” Austin is reported to be the fifth heaviest drinking city in America based in part upon the finding in the study that the percentage of the population of Austin classified as binge drinkers is 18.4 percent; and

Whereas, Binge drinking is defined as 4 or more drinks at a single occasion for women and 5 or more drinks at a single occasion for men; and

Whereas, Teens who experiment with alcohol before the age of 15 are four times more likely to be alcohol dependent later in life than peers who wait until age 20 to drink; and

Whereas, Alcohol Awareness Month is intended to increase understanding of the far reaching impact of alcohol abuse on individuals, families and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of the impact that alcohol has on the health and well-being of our community, we, the Travis County Commissioners Court, do hereby proclaim April 2013, as Alcohol Awareness Month in Travis County.

SIGNED AND ENTERED THIS 9TH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.