

Sample Proclamation

Office of the [Governor, Mayor or County Executive]
[state, city or county] of [state, city or county]

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there are 10.8 million underage drinkers between 12 and 20 years of age; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use among children and adolescents starts early and increases rapidly with age;
and

WHEREAS, by the time they reach the eighth grade, 41 percent of adolescents have used alcohol
illegally at least once, and nearly 20 percent report having been drunk; and

WHEREAS, underage alcohol use is more likely to kill young people than all illegal drugs combined;
and

WHEREAS, [local statistics]; and

WHEREAS, children, with the care and support from family, friends, health professionals, teachers,
clergy and others, can avoid the negative effects of alcohol and drugs; and

WHEREAS, [your organization's name] invites all residents of [your city, county or state] to
participate in [your event];

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [official's full name], [Governor, Mayor or County Executive] of [jurisdiction],
do hereby proclaim _____ [month/day/year] as

[NAME OF EVENT; e.g., 'RED RIBBON WEEK']

in [jurisdiction] and encourage parents, caregivers and all residents of [state, city or county] to
prevent underage alcohol use by teaching children about the harmful effects of underage alcohol
use, and how they can resist pressure to get involved in the use of alcohol.

IN TESTIMONY WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of
the [state, city or county] of [state, city or county], this [__th] day of [month, year].

SEAL

[Governor, Mayor or County Executive]

Secretary of State