



Social Host/Teen Drinking Parties RESOLUTION

- Because,** the cost to Cobb County citizens for underage drinking alone is about \$3.1 million annually; and
- Because,** alcohol is the drug of choice for youth, causing more harm and death for youth than all illegal drugs, combined; and
- Because,** there are serious second hand effects of underage drinking such as car crashes, assaults, fraud, theft, vandalism, accidental injuries, sexually transmitted diseases, unintended pregnancies, and disruptions to school campus environments; and
- Because,** the public has long recognized that youth access to alcohol is problematic and current laws do not sufficiently address the problem of youth social access to alcohol; and
- Because,** private parties have repeatedly been identified as the primary source by which minors obtain alcohol, and where binge drinking, other drug use and risky behaviors commonly occur; and
- Because,** some adults believe underage drinking is just a part of growing up and think it is acceptable to host underage drinking parties; and so,

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the undersigned organization supports the adoption of *social host* or *teen party* ordinances by Cobb County and City Governments, in order to save lives and protect public health and safety by:

- Helping to establish a community norm that rejects underage drinking as an acceptable part of growing up
- Holding youth accountable for underage drinking parties planned without the knowledge of their parents
- Encouraging parents and adults to take steps to prevent teenage drinking parties while they are away
- Increasing awareness and providing an incentive for hosts to be vigilant in preventing underage drinking
- Deterring adults and youth from hosting parties where underage drinking occurs
- Allowing public safety officers/deputies to issue a citation or charge individuals who host underage drinking parties, for “providing the place for underage drinking to occur”

Organization _____ Date _____

Contact Person (Name & Title) _____

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NOTE: *Signing this resolution does not imply endorsement of the Cobb Alcohol Taskforce or any specific proposal not mentioned in this resolution!*

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