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A senate RESOLUTION

TO RECOGNIZE April 2023 AS “Alcohol Responsibility MONTH” IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, every day in the United States, thirty-two people die in alcohol-involved automobile accidents, equivalent to one life lost every forty-five minutes; and

Whereas, in 2020, eleven thousand and six hundred people died in alcohol-involved automobile accidents. This was a fourteen percent increase from the previous year; and

Whereas, deaths caused by alcohol-involved automobile accidents are preventable tragedies; and

Whereas, a Monitoring the Future study found that, while teen alcohol consumption decreased during the pandemic, teen alcohol consumption remained steady or returned to pre-pandemic prevalence rates in 2022; and

Whereas, in 2022, sixteen percent of teens reported consuming alcohol in the past thirty days; and

Whereas, research shows that a lifetime of conversations between parents and their children about alcohol, beginning at an early age, can help prevent underage drinking and alcohol abuse; and

Whereas, adults who choose to drink should also be empowered to make responsible decisions and should understand the consequences of their choices; and

Whereas, the month of April has been historically dedicated to alcohol awareness. Further education and expanded resources are needed to reduce drunk driving, binge drinking, and underage drinking.

Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate:

That the members of the South Carolina Senate, by this resolution, recognize April 2023 as “Alcohol Responsibility Month” in South Carolina.

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