

# **BOROUGH OF BRIAR CREEK MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS THE BOROUGH OF BRIAR CREEK RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTS TALKING WITH THEIR TEENS ABOUT ALCOHOL; AND**

**WHEREAS, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO USE ALCOHOL OR OTHER SUBSTANCES ARE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL OR BELIEVE GOOD GRADES ARE NOT IMPORTANT; AND**

**WHEREAS, TEEN ALCOHOL USE KILLS ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE EACH YEAR, MORE THAN ALL OTHER ILLEGAL DRUGS COMBINED; AND**

**WHEREAS, THE MAJORITY OF KIDS SAY THEIR PARENTS ARE THEIR PRIMARY INFLUENCE WHEN IT COMES TO DECISIONS ABOUT DRINKING ALCOHOL; AND**

**WHEREAS, POWERTALK 21® DAY WILL BE ON APRIL 21, 2016, TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS TO EMBRACE THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE IN INFLUENCING AMERICA'S YOUTH AND THEIR DECISIONS ABOUT DRINKING ALCOHOL; AND**

**WHEREAS, TO EQUIP PARENTS TO TALK WITH THEIR TEENS ABOUT ALCOHOL, MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING® (MADD) WILL OFFER A FREE COMMUNITY PARENT WORKSHOP, IF REQUESTED, TO GIVE PARENTS THE TOOLS IN A PARENT HANDBOOK TO EFFECTIVELY TALK TO THEIR TEENS ABOUT ALCOHOL; AND**

**WHEREAS, THESE LOCAL PARENT WORKSHOPS, ALSO REPLICATED ACROSS THE COUNTRY, WILL OFFER PARENTS A RESEARCH-BASED PARENT HANDBOOK TO HELP THEM TALK WITH THEIR TEENS ABOUT ALCOHOL AND ENCOURAGE ADULTS TO CONSIDER CREATING A SAFER COMMUNITY BY BECOMING INVOLVED IN REDUCING UNDERAGE DRINKING; AND**

**WHEREAS, I URGE ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN IN THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL EFFORTS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PARENTS AND TEENS TALKING TOGETHER ABOUT ALCOHOL IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE RISKS AND DANGERS POSED TO TEENS AND COMMUNITIES; AND**

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I VERNCEL L. CREVELING AS THE MAYOR OF BRIAR CREEK BOROUGH DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THURSDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> TO BE:**

## **POWERTALK 21® DAY**

**IN THE BOROUGH OF BRIAR CREEK, BERWICK, PENNSYLVANIA.**

**SIGNED THIS 21<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016.**

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