

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARENT CORPS IN MENASHA**

Introduced by Mayor Laux and Alderman Forrest Weber

**WHEREAS**, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing those youth at risk for health, safety and legal problems; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol kills 6.5 times more young people than ALL other illicit drugs combined, and usage among teens often accompanies traffic fatalities and other high risk behaviors such as unsafe sexual activity, tobacco and other drug use, and contributes to illegal activity such as vandalism and theft; and

**WHEREAS**, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of the risks associated with acute impairment, but also because of the threat to their long-term development and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, it is illegal to give or allow teens other than your own, to drink alcohol in your home, even with their parent's permission; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone found guilty of providing alcohol to youth can face up to a \$150 fine and revocation of the person's operating privilege under Sec. 343.30(6)(b)3, Wisconsin Statutes, in addition to any civil action that can be brought as a result of damages or injury related to the offense; and

**WHEREAS**, any citizens who are aware of underage drinking at teen house parties are responsible to report such activity to their local law enforcement agency by calling Menasha Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, adults have the authority and responsibility to our youth to provide them with alternative opportunities by creating alcohol free activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Families in Action, National Families in Action, Parent Corps, and Ohio Parents For Drug Free Youth, through the Parents Who Host, Lose The Most Campaign provides the educational materials to raise community awareness regarding this illegal and unhealthy practice; and

**WHEREAS**, parents and the community must take responsibility to give teens the clear message that there is no safe way to drink alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Menasha encourages residents to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to underage youth and to take the necessary steps to discourage the illegal and unhealthy practice, including the reporting of underage drinking by calling your local police.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Menasha not only discourages the use of alcohol by those below the legal age of consumption but also exhorts all resident of the City of Menasha to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to those underage youth, and will continue to take the necessary steps to discourage this illegal and unhealthy activity.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Menasha hereby proclaims the Fourth Week of April, 2006 and every year henceforth to be *PARENTS WHO HOST, LOSE THE MOST WEEK*.

Passed and approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006.

  
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Joseph F. Laux, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Kristin R. Sewall, Deputy Clerk