



# Proclamation

## APRIL IS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

### WHEREAS:

The objective for Alcohol Awareness Month, 2018 is to raise public awareness about underage drinking and drinking and driving in particular,

### “Changing Attitudes:

It’s not a ‘rite of passage’.”

### WHEREAS:

Excessive drinking is responsible for an average of 9 deaths a year on Bermuda’s roads.

### WHEREAS:

Since 1997 there have been over 236 road fatalities, and 170 related to alcohol misuse

### WHEREAS:

Alcohol is the most commonly used addictive substance in Bermuda.

### WHEREAS:

A supportive family environment is associated with lowered rates of alcohol use for adolescents:

### WHEREAS:

The National School Survey 2015 reports, 19.2% of youth said they were a passenger on a bike or in a car driven by someone who had been drinking.

### WHEREAS:

Consistent and sustained parental attitudes can influence a child’s decision about whether or not to use alcohol and drugs

### WHEREAS:

Kids who have conversations with their parents / guardians and learn a lot about the dangers of alcohol and drugs use are 50% less likely to use alcohol and drugs than those who don’t have such conversations

### NOW:

Therefore, I, the Hon. Lovitta Foggo JP, MP, Acting Minister of Social Development and Sports, do hereby proclaim that the month of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen is to be observed throughout these Islands as

### ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

Given under my hand this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018

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*Acting Minister of Social Development and Sports  
For the Islands of Bermuda  
The Hon. Lovitta Foggo JP MP*