



Proclamation

To recognize and celebrate April 21st as PowerTalk 21® Day.

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Alfred recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities; 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, 27 percent of middle school students try alcohol before graduating from 8th grade, significantly increasing the risk that they will develop alcohol problems later in life; and

WHEREAS, teen alcohol use kills 4,700 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. PowerTalk 21® day, started by Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) in 2011, to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, MADD will kick off "21 Days in Support of 21," beginning on April 1st and culminating on PowerTalk 21 on April 21st, as part of Power of Parents® program to create a sustained and prolonged conversation about underage drinking among middle school and high school students; and

WHEREAS, to equip parents to talk with their teens about alcohol, MADD Polk County will distribute Power of Parent handbooks to equip parents with the tools to effectively talk to their children about alcohol to protect them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Lake Alfred formally recognize April 21, 2016 as

"PowerTalk 21® Day"

in the City of Lake Alfred and 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 to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand this 18th day of April, 2016.

Charles Lake, Mayor
City of Lake Alfred, Florida