

The Bernalillo County Board of Commissioners

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WHEREAS, underage drinking is a public health issue with serious implications; and

WHEREAS, much progress has been made in the South Valley to address this pervasive problem and there is still much more we can do; and

WHEREAS, according to a study by the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, an estimated 10 million people younger than the age of 21 drank alcohol in the past month in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for Community Action, in collaboration with the federal government's Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking, will host FRIDAY NITE LIVE 2 to educate parents and caregivers about the consequences of underage drinking and empower them with the knowledge and tools to begin talking about underage drinking prevention at home; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking has severe consequences, many of which parents and caregivers may not be fully aware, including injury or death from accidents and unintended, unwanted, and unprotected sexual activity; academic problems; and drug use; and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers have a significant influence on young people's decisions about alcohol consumption, especially when caregivers create supportive and nurturing alcohol-free environments; and

WHEREAS, youth who start drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence or abuse later in life than those who begin drinking at or after age 21; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bernalillo County Board of County Commissioners supports and acknowledges April 25, 2014 as

South Valley Underage Drinking Prevention Day

and thanks the Partnership for Community Action for its work and commitment toward raising awareness about the serious consequences of underage drinking.

DONE, this 22nd day of April, 2014, in Bernalillo County, State of New Mexico.

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