

WHEREAS, it is illegal for anyone under 21 to consume or possess alcohol; and it is illegal for an adult to provide alcohol to anyone under 21;

WHEREAS, the 2012-2013 Fairfax County Youth Survey reports that 35 percent of high school seniors and 19 percent of tenth graders consumed alcohol in the last 30 days, and that 18.2 percent of high school seniors engaged in binge drinking in the last two weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County, an independent non-profit organization with over sixty collaborative partners including schools, county agencies, community groups, students, and adult residents, runs the “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: *Don’t be a party to teenage drinking,*” campaign now in its eighth year; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Unified Prevention Coalition continue to make the prevention of underage drinking and drinking and driving a priority; and

WHEREAS, prevention efforts, including parents talking with their teens and modeling appropriate behavior are critical, particularly during prom and graduation season; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, on behalf of all residents of Fairfax County, does hereby support the Unified Prevention Coalition and proclaim the month of May 2014 as

Parents Who Host Lose the Most Month

and urges all residents to join in the campaign to educate adults about the legal, health and safety risks of providing alcohol to those under 21.

**Sharon Bulova, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors**

Date