

MISSOURI'S ALCOHOL IMPACT COALITION

Resolution to Reduce Alcohol Related Problems and Underage Drinking in Missouri

WHEREAS, On average, Missouri children take their first drink before age 13¹, and youth who use alcohol before age 15 are four times more likely to be alcohol dependent than adults whose first drink occurs after reaching the legal age of 21²; and,

WHEREAS, Alcohol plays a key role in the leading causes of death among youth (accidents, homicides and suicides)³ and is responsible for six times more youthful deaths than all illicit drugs combined⁴ ; and,

WHEREAS, 53% of Missourians age 12 or older currently drink⁵, including 20% in the age 12-17 age group and 65% in the 18-25 age group, and more than 78,000 children already have serious alcohol problems⁶, and 492, 000 Missourians are in need of treatment services⁷; and,

WHEREAS, Missouri is facing a budget shortfall and desperately needs resources to support prevention, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, Every year alcohol problems cost the state of Missouri about \$3.7 billion in terms of lost productivity, motor vehicle crashes, health care, criminal justice, and related costs⁸; and,

WHEREAS, Research has found that for every dollar spent on treatment approximately \$12 is saved⁹; and,

WHEREAS, Increases in state excise taxes on alcohol have been recommended by many organizations, including the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Medical Association, and the multi-agency Missouri Summit on Alcohol and Other Drug Issues convened by the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (2002); and,

WHEREAS, Missouri's alcohol excise charges on beer and liquor have not been increased since 1970, allowing inflation to erode significantly this source of state revenue¹⁰; and,

WHEREAS, An impact fee of 18 cents per gallon of beer, 36 cents per gallon of wine and \$2.00 per gallon of spirits, the equivalent of two cents per drink, would mean that the new excise rates approach the national average in each category; and,

WHEREAS, This impact fee would generate **\$44 million in additional state revenue each year**, which could be used to provide funding for programs and services that would improve the lives of Missouri families and communities,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization endorses legislation which creates an alcohol impact fee of approximately two cents per drink, the proceeds of which will support funding for prevention, treatment, recovery, and law enforcement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the undersigned organization will educate its members, and, if possible, the general public, of its endorsement of this resolution; and allow its name to be added to those who support this resolution, to comprise Missouri's Alcohol Impact Coalition, which will educate the members of the Missouri General Assembly as to the content of the resolution, to the extent permitted by law; and urge its members to do the same.

Name or Organization _____
(if applicable)

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____


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Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

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Please call Missouri's Alcohol Impact Coalition at 1-877-669-2280 or 573-635-6669 with questions.

For more information please see back. 

*Supported by Missouri's Alcohol Impact Coalition
to Reduce Alcohol Related Problems and Underage Drinking*



Missouri's Youth/Adult Alliance

*A statewide coalition
to reduce underage drinking.*



*To build and strengthen community capacity
to take action in creating community
norms and social policies that promote
safe, healthy and drug-free lifestyles.*



**Missouri
Recovery
Network**

*A statewide organization of people who
celebrate, support, and advocate for
recovery from substance abuse.*



*Stop drunk driving. Support the
victims of this violent crime and
prevent underage drinking.*



United Methodist Church

*Missouri Conference
Task Force on Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drugs*



**Missouri House of
Representatives**

District 114



**Missouri Addiction Service
Providers Association**

*A leadership organization and voice for
professional addiction disease, prevention, and
treatment services in the state of Missouri.*



*A non-profit organization
that provides peer-driven
recovery support services to
individuals and their families
who are impacted by drug
and alcohol addiction.*



*An organization that serves as
an information center
and a resource for
help and information in the
St. Louis area concerning
alcohol/drug abuse
and addiction prevention,
intervention, and
treatment.*



National Council on Alcohol and Drug Dependency

*Provides quality services to individuals, families,
and the community to reduce the impact of
alcohol, drugs, and other addictions.*

¹ Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. *Student Survey, 2002*, retrieved from <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/rpts/status04/status04.htm>, December 15, 2004.

² Grant & Dawson. *Age at Onset of Alcohol Use and its Association with DSM-IV Alcohol Abuse and Dependence*, *Journal of Substance Abuse*, Volume 9, pages 103-110, 1997.

³ American Academy of Pediatrics, information related to planning and promoting, October 1998 Child Health Month, May 1998.

⁴ *Healthy Kentuckians 2010*, Cabinet for Health Services, Department of Public Health, Kentucky.

⁵ Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. *Status Report, 2004*, Page 22, retrieved from <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/rpts/status04/status04.htm>, December 15, 2004.

⁶ Grant & Harford. Prevalence of DSM-IV alcohol abuse and dependence: United States, 1992. *Alcohol Health Res World*, 18(3):243-248, 1994.

⁷ Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. *ADA Facts: Addictions in the Family*, retrieved from <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/rpts/status04/status04.htm>, December 15, 2004.

⁸ Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. *Status Report, 2004*, Page 32, retrieved from <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/rpts/status04/status04.htm>, December 15, 2004.

⁹ Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse. *ADA Facts: Treatment Benefits*, retrieved from <http://www.dmh.missouri.gov/ada/rpts/status04/status04.htm>, December 15, 2004.

¹⁰ Research conducted by Gerrit L. DenHartog, based on data provided by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Control, Missouri Department of Public Safety, 2004.