



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

Alcohol Awareness Month – April 2023

WHEREAS; excessive alcohol consumption is a serious public health and safety concern in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS; a higher percentage of adults in Wisconsin regularly consume alcohol than in most other states, and a higher rate of these regular drinkers consume alcohol excessively-also known as binge drinking-at least once per month, when compared to other states; and

WHEREAS; consuming alcohol, and binge drinking in particular, can have a negative impact on an individual's personal life, professional life, and mental and physical health, and can even increase the risk of developing some cancers; and

WHEREAS; the estimated annual cost of binge drinking to Wisconsin's economy is \$3.9 billion, which includes costs related to lost productivity, healthcare, and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS; this occasion presents all Wisconsinites with the opportunity to examine their drinking habits and assess the effects on their overall health and well-being, and to utilize resources available on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website to learn more;

WHEREAS; the Milton Youth Coalition is working together to make a positive difference in the lives of Milton's youth by increasing the number of Milton youth who avoid consuming alcohol before the age of 21; and

WHEREAS; this month, the state of Wisconsin joins the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in supporting the enforcement of minimum legal drinking age laws, highlighting the resources and support available for folks who need professional help to avoid unhealthy alcohol use, and supporting our friends, family members, and neighbors in recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anissa Welch, Mayor of the City of Milton, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as
ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the City of Milton and I commend this observance to all our state's residents.

Signed this 5th day of April, 2023

Mayor Anissa M. Welch

Attest:

Jenny Salvo, City Clerk