1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22
3	INTRODUCED BY:
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5	Councilor Dominguez
6	Councilor Romero
	Councilor Bushee
7	Councilor Trujillo
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10	A RESOLUTION
11	PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY THIS YEAR AND EACH YEAR FORWARD
12	AS "UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION MONTH" AND TAKING EFFORTS TO
13	EDUCATE CITY EMPLOYEES AND THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE DANGERS OF
14	UNDERAGE DRINKING OF ALCOHOL AND ENCOURAGING PARENTS TO
15	EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN REGARDING THESE DANGERS.
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17	WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Underage Drinking Prevention Alliance made up of many
18	community organizations committed to the health and well-being of the families of Santa Fe is
19	highlighting the danger of alcohol use for our youth; and
20	WHEREAS, the citizens of Santa Fe have the responsibility and right to protect their
21	children from irresponsible alcohol distribution and marketing; and
22	WHEREAS, high school students in Santa Fe County in 2007 were found to be drinking
23	alcohol at alarming rates, with 52% reporting that they were current drinkers and 33% reporting
24	that they were binge drinkers, having drunk five or more drinks in a row in a couple of hours at
25	least once in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking of alcohol, especially binge drinking, places our youth at much greater risk of alcohol-related harms such as drinking and driving, being involved in physical fights, sexual assault, teen pregnancy, suicide, and homicide; and

WHEREAS, our youth are starting to drink alcohol at very young ages, with 34% of our youth reporting that they had their first drink of alcohol before they were 13 years old; and

WHEREAS, people who start drinking alcohol before the age of 15 are five times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who start drinking at age 21; and

WHEREAS, the adults of Santa Fe can help reduce underage drinking of alcohol and driving while intoxicated by modeling low risk alcohol usage behavior for the youth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe recognizes the need to educate parents regarding the dangers of underage drinking of alcohol such as the 10% reduction of the brain's hippocampus that part of the brain responsible for learning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the City of Santa Fe supports the vision that in Santa Fe no one drinks alcohol before the age of 21, adults model low risk alcohol use, and no one drinks alcohol and drives.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that:

- This year and each year forward, the month of May shall be recognized by the
 City of Santa Fe as "Underage Drinking Prevention Month"; and
- 2. Staff is directed during the month of May each year to use all methods of public outreach available to the City including, but not limited to, press releases, website, public television, city newsletters and city email in order to educate city employees and the city at large regarding the dangers of alcohol and encourage them to proactively talk to their children regarding these dangers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for the safety of our community, underage

1	drinking of alcohol and drinking and driving laws will be consistently and rigorously enforced.
2	PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 11th day of February, 2009.
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