

# PROCLAMATION

## Reducing Youth Access to Alcohol Project

**Whereas**, 47% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders and 27% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Clackamas County report drinking alcohol in the last 30 days;

**Whereas**, 28% of Clackamas County 11<sup>th</sup> graders report having five or more drinks on at least one occasion in the last 30 days;

**Whereas**, Alcohol is by far the most commonly used drug among youth in Oregon City, Clackamas County, and Oregon;

**Whereas**, The total cost of youth alcohol use is over \$59 million annually in Clackamas County and \$697 million in Oregon

**Whereas**, Over 80% of 11<sup>th</sup> graders in Clackamas County say it is easy to get alcohol if they want it;

**Whereas**, Clackamas County and Oregon teens report getting alcohol both by purchasing it and by getting it from friends, family members, and acquaintances;

**Now, Therefore, I, Alice Norris**, Mayor of the City of Oregon City, hereby declare that

- We support a policy of zero tolerance regarding alcohol made available to youth of Oregon City;
- We want all of the laws enforced involving youth access to, possession of, and use of alcohol;
- We want all laws relating to furnishing alcohol to minors, to be enforced;
- We commend merchants, parents, and all Oregon City citizens who refuse to sell or give alcohol to our young people.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oregon City to be affixed this 20th day of February 2008.



*Alice Norris*  
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ALICE NORRIS, Mayor