

RESOLUTION NO. 723

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF STAYTON'S SUPPORT OF YOUTH ADVOCACY TO REDUCE UNDERAGE DRINKING.**

WHEREAS, alcohol is the No. 1 drug of choice for Oregon teens;

WHEREAS, young people, on average, begin drinking at age 13;

WHEREAS, more than one-third of Oregon 11<sup>th</sup> graders say alcohol is easily obtainable;

WHEREAS, ten percent of Oregon 11<sup>th</sup> graders say they engaged in "binge" drinking one day during the past month;

WHEREAS, alcohol is involved in four leading causes of teen death: automobile crashes, homicide, suicide, and drowning;

WHEREAS, drinking alcohol at a young age greatly increases the risk of dependency later in life;

WHEREAS, scientific research has found that alcohol can cause long-term and irreversible damage to the brain;

WHEREAS, the average youth sees more than 100,000 beer commercials on television before turning 18; and

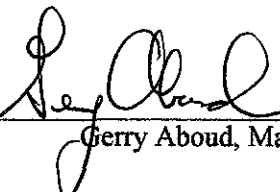
WHEREAS, numerous studies have concluded that increasing the price of alcohol reduces the tremendous societal and economic costs of underage drinking.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of the City of Stayton endorses Stayton Sublimity Youth Peer Court participation in Youth at Capital Day, an April 11, 2003 event during which teens across Oregon will gather at the Legislature to advocate for underage drinking policies that help keep their communities safe and healthy.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003

CITY OF STAYTON

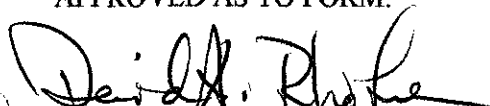
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