



**Community Resolution of Commitment:
Supporting the Mission of the
Montcalm Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking**

WHEREAS, The mission of the Montcalm Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking is to organize and focus resources to lower the use of alcohol and related consequences linked to underage youth in Montcalm County; and

WHEREAS, Underage drinking is the leading contributor to death from injuries which is the main cause of death for those under 21; and

WHEREAS, Almost 40% of Montcalm County 11th graders have had at least one drink of alcohol in the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, Only half of all Montcalm County 11th graders said they would refuse alcohol if it was offered to them; and

WHEREAS, Over 28% of 11th graders and over 15% of 9th graders in Montcalm County have been binge drinking during the past 30 days; and

WHEREAS, Over 20% of 9th graders (14 to 15 year olds) have had their first drink of alcohol at an average of 12½ years of age and 18% of 7th graders (12 to 13 year olds) have had their first drink of alcohol at an average of less than 10 years of age, and young people who start drinking before the age of 15 are five times more likely to have alcohol-related problems later in life; and

WHEREAS, The vitality and protection of our youth rests primarily in the actions of adults; and

WHEREAS, Underage drinking is a community issue and to make a lasting difference all citizens, parents, youth, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and workplaces, hospitals, schools, churches, and civic organizations are called upon to step forward and do their part;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the (NAME OF ORGANIZATION) supports the Montcalm Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking in its mission to prevent underage drinking and related problems experienced by youth.

Signed this _____ day of _____ 2011

Signature

(Title) – (Name of organization)

Kim Alexander

Chairperson – Montcalm Coalition to
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