

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING APRIL 2026 AS ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of April is dedicated to increasing public awareness and understanding of alcohol misuse, alcohol use disorder, its causes, effective treatment, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, alcohol misuse remains a serious public health issue affecting individuals, families, and communities, and data from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) show that an estimated 28.0 million people age 12 and older experienced past-year alcohol use disorder in 2024; and

WHEREAS, despite the widespread need for care, only 2.1 million people age 12 and older, or 7.6% of those with past-year alcohol use disorder, received alcohol treatment in 2024 (NIAAA); and

WHEREAS, among people age 12 and older with past-year alcohol use disorder in 2024, only 2.5% received medication-assisted treatment, demonstrating the continuing need to expand access to prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery support services (NIAAA); and

WHEREAS, Lake County Behavioral Health Services provided DUI Program services to 528 participants in the calendar year 2025 and has assisted with 597 substance use treatment service requests in the calendar year 2025 and offered treatment services to 203 individuals with a diagnosed alcohol use disorder; and

WHEREAS, youth alcohol use remains a concern in Lake County, and the 2023 California Healthy Kids Survey found that local students in 7th, 9th, and 11th grades reported past-month alcohol use at rates of 4%, 10%, and 14%, respectively; and

WHEREAS, impaired driving continues to threaten public safety in California, and in 2023 an estimated 1,355 people were killed in alcohol-impaired traffic crashes, accounting for 33% of all motor vehicle fatalities in California (STREC UC Berkeley).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Lake County Board of Supervisors does hereby designate April 2026 as Alcohol Awareness Month in Lake County and encourages all community members to support efforts that promote education, prevention, treatment, and recovery.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2026.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

By: _____



COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors