

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by *Sarah Palin, Governor*

According to the 2003 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 23.2 percent of Alaska high school students report having had their first drink of alcohol before age 13 and 38.7 percent of Alaska high school students report using alcohol within the last 30 days.

According to the 2004 Alaska Traffic Collision, alcohol was a factor in 127 traffic crashes involving drivers age 14 to 20.

Alcohol is the drug of choice for young people in Alaska and teen drinking is linked to risky behavior and injury.

Teen drinking has serious impacts on individuals, families, and communities and is linked to physical fights, vandalism, job retention, school failure, delinquency, and unwanted pregnancy.

Most teens who drink obtain alcohol from social sources such as parties, from older friends, and from adults - including their parents.

A new Alaska "social hosting" law will go into effect September 23, 2007 making adults more accountable for providing youth access to alcohol.

The Federal Trade Commission has developed an educational campaign, "We Don't Serve Teens," providing information about teen drinking and how to reduce teens' easy access to alcohol.

It is critical that government and private entities work together to reduce underage drinking by stopping easy teen access to alcohol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sarah Palin, Governor of the State of Alaska, do hereby proclaim September 10-16, 2007, as:

We Don't Serve Teens Week

in Alaska and encourage government agencies, communities, parents, and citizens to work toward reducing teen access to alcohol.

Dated: August 20, 2007



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Palin".

Sarah Palin, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.