

# PROCLAMATION

## HAVE SMALL TALKS TO PREVENT UNDERAGE DRINKING

WHEREAS, the healthy development of the children of the City of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, is important to the wellbeing and prosperity of our City's young people, families, and community; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use by young people is dangerous, not only because of its risks associated with impairment, but also because of the grave threat to their long-term development and well-being; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of reducing underage drinking are substantial, including saving lives and dollars and promoting the health of young people. Delaying the age at which young people begin drinking will reduce their chances of developing an alcohol use disorder and of experiencing other negative consequences; and

WHEREAS, parents, caregivers, teachers, coaches, and other caring adults who interact with children on a regular basis have a significant influence on young people's decisions about alcohol consumption and are our best advocates for responsible decision-making; and

WHEREAS, the *Small Talks* campaign is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services in collaboration with partners statewide and in our own City of Kaukauna to educate parents and caregivers about the consequences of underage drinking and empower them with the knowledge and tools to begin having short, casual conversations with kids starting at age eight about the dangers of underage drinking; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, I, Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor of the City of Kaukauna, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim our community as an advocate for *Small Talks* AND urge parents, caregivers, teachers, coaches, and other caring adults to engage with children in frequent *Small Talks*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kaukauna to be affixed this 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2026.

CITY OF KAUKAUNA

  
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Anthony J. Penterman, Mayor

