

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, one in four (26%) Thurston County 10th grade students currently use alcohol; and

WHEREAS, recent research indicates alcohol has a significant impact on the developing teen brain, impairing the areas that control motor coordination, impulse control, memory, and judgment; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States, and youth use of cigars and electronic cigarettes is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, marijuana use is the number one reason youth enter substance abuse treatment programs in Washington State, and recreational marijuana by anyone under 21 is illegal; and

WHEREAS, nearly 1 in 20 (4.7%) Thurston County 10th graders have tried heroin; and

WHEREAS, TOGETHER! has been a premier prevention agency in Thurston County and Washington State over the past 25 years since its founding in 1989;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaims October, 2014 as

NATIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

and recognizes the importance substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities, and commends TOGETHER!, along with its partners, for 25 years of landmark prevention work in Thurston County.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Stephen H. Buxbaum
Mayor***