



WHEREAS, underage drinking is killing thousands of our kids and robbing millions of their futures; and

WHEREAS, alcohol is the drug most abused by teens; and

WHEREAS, the evidence shows that youth are getting the wrong message about alcohol as alcohol companies are drowning out parents.

THEREFORE, the City of Lufkin joins the National Academy of Sciences and Institute of Medicine's following recommendations to reduce underage drinking:

The federal government should support a national media effort to reduce underage drinking

Alcohol companies, advertising companies, and commercial media should refrain from marketing practices that have substantial underage appeal

States should require all sellers and servers of alcohol to complete state-approved training as a condition of employment

State and localities should implement enforcement programs to deter adults from purchasing alcohol for minors

Local police, working with community leaders, should adopt and announce policies for detecting and terminating underage drinking parties

Community leaders should assess the underage drinking problem in their communities and consider effective approaches

Congress and state legislatures should raise excise taxes

States and communities should establish and implement a system requiring registration of beer kegs

States should facilitate enforcement of zero tolerance laws.

*In witness whereof I have set my hand and  
caused the seal of this city to be affixed*

Mayor *Louis Abreu*

Date *16 September '03*

