

RESOLUTION 2007 – 32

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDING OF A PROVISION
OF THE ILLINOIS LIQUOR CONTROL ACT OF 1934 (SB0158) REGARDING
PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND UNDERAGE DRINKING**

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills desires to provide a healthy, safe, and enjoyable environment for the County's youth; and

WHEREAS, underage drinking is a significant social problem affecting youth statewide, and

WHEREAS, more and more municipalities and high schools are experiencing the deaths of teenagers in traffic crashes including Mundelein High School, Carmel High School, Deerfield High School, and the City of Oswego that were attributable to the underage consumption of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, adults who provide alcohol to those below the legal drinking age of 21 are placing our youth at risk; and

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

WHEREAS, it is illegal to allow teenage alcohol consumption in a person's home, even with parental consent; and

WHEREAS, anyone found guilty of providing alcohol to a youth can face up to 365 days in jail and/or a fine up to \$2,500 and/or up to 2 years probation, in addition to any civil action that may be brought as a result of damages or injury related to the offense; and

WHEREAS, adults have both the ability and responsibility to provide youth with alternative opportunities such as creating alcohol-free activities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills recognizes the necessity for residents to refuse to provide alcoholic beverages to underage youth and to take the necessary steps to discourage this illegal and unhealthy practice; and

WHEREAS, any person having knowledge that underage drinking is occurring should report the activity to the police department; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this issue, SB0158 was introduced in the Illinois Senate, to amend the Illinois Liquor Control Act of 1934 to provide for increased penalties for a parent or guardian who knowingly permits their residence to be used in violation of the Act when the

violation resulted, directly or indirectly, in bodily harm to any person and provides that the person violating this subsection shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Village of Vernon Hills urges the Illinois Senate to pass SB0158 and the Officers are hereby authorized and directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the Illinois State Senatorial delegation and all other necessary parties and to take all other appropriate actions to advocate the Association's strong support for this critically important state legislation.

Dated this 22nd of February, 2007

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6-Schultz, Williams, Hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Byrne

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 1-Schwartz

Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 2/22/2007

APPROVED: 2/22/2007

ATTEST:

Linda Pelletier, Village Clerk