

Resolution of Support

An Important First Step in Supporting the Health & Safety of Young People in Garrett County at Class C Licensee Community Events

BECAUSE: In the last year Garrett County hosted around 40 non-profit events with Class C alcohol licenses, and those events are growing in attendance each year. And, there are five large annual events that have 500 to 2,000 people in attendance; and

BECAUSE: Data acquired from post-event listening sessions document that the educational guidelines of the Responsible Beverage Service Training (TIPS - Training for Intervention Procedures) are not being followed. Attendees shared:

“Overall the focus was fundraising, but I would say I went for the alcohol. People know it is a good party.”

“Yes, there were intoxicated people there. They were served. I was actually intoxicated, and I was served,” a participant stated.

“They were carding when I came through. I did notice before 2:00 PM, they had already stopped carding and stopped using wristbands.”; and

BECAUSE: Garrett County has the highest rate of binge drinking for high school students of any county in Maryland at 26.9%, compared to 22.1% for the next highest.¹ In addition, a survey found 23.3% of Garrett County youth reported participating in binge drinking in the past 30 days, and 36% reported drinking alcohol in the past 30 days;² and

BECAUSE: In 2018, 39% of driving deaths in Garrett County involved alcohol, which surpasses the state average of 30%.³ Also in 2017, Garrett County youth had a higher rate of getting in the car with a driver that had been drinking at 20.8%, compared to the state of Maryland youth rate at 14.2%;² and

BECAUSE: Research has shown that alcohol-awareness training for alcohol servers is an important and effective tool in preventing alcohol problems at the community level when coupled with adequate enforcement; and

BECAUSE: Training more individuals serving alcohol will improve health and safety practices at community events and enhance the quality of life for all our county’s citizens;


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the undersigned individual/organization supports this resolution for the need for the Garrett County Liquor Control Board to amend Garrett County’s policy for non-profit event with a Class C alcohol license to require that single and multi-event licensees have one server of alcohol for every 500 attendees be certified in an Alcohol Awareness Program (TIPS). In addition, the organizations are in support of environmental strategies that reduce underage and excessive drinking in Garrett County.

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1. Binge Drinking Rates by County. *Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System*. Updated 2016. Accessed June 11, 2019.

2. Facts about Garrett County High School Students Underage and Binge Drinking. *kNOwDRINKING.net*. Updated 2018. Accessed June 11, 2019.

3. Garrett County, Maryland. *County Health Rankings & Roadmaps*. Updated 2019. Accessed June 11, 2019.