

WHEREAS, the City of Foley recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol; and

WHEREAS, high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and

WHEREAS, teen alcohol use kills about 5,000 people each year, more than all other illegal drugs combined, and

WHEARAS, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and

WHEREAS, to equip parents to talk with their teens about alcohol, Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) Alabama on April 21st will offer a free community parent workshop to give parents the tools in a parent handbook to effectively talk to their teens about alcohol; and

WHEREAS, these local parent workshops, also replicated across the country, will offer parents a research-based parent handbook to help them talk with their teens about alcohol and encourage adults to consider creating a safer community by becoming involved in reducing underage drinking; and

WHEREAS, I urge all citizens to join in the local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I John E. Koniar, Mayor of Foley, Alabama, do hereby proclaim April 21, 2014 to be:

"POWER TALK 21® DAY"

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 21th Day of April, 2014

Attest: Victoria Southern