

BINGE DRINKING

- WHEREAS, Over 75% of eighth grade students have tried alcohol, and 55% of them have tried it by the sixth grade, and by the tenth grade nearly 90% of students report having tried alcohol; and
- WHEREAS, Among 12-17 year olds who drink, 27% “down drinks fast to get an effect”, and 28% experience blackouts and about 33% of twelfth grade students engage in “binge” drinking at least once every two weeks and 4% drink daily; and
- WHEREAS, Nearly 200-400 annual alcohol-poisoning deaths in the U.S. are children and adolescents indulging in “chug-a-lug” contests and drinking games, in which the objective is to determine who can down the most alcohol in the shortest time; and
- WHEREAS, Binge or rapid drinking is one of the most dangerous ways to consume alcohol, and almost certain to induce sever illness, coma, or death; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers its units and councils urge school districts to include in their existing drug prevention programs information and education as to the life-threatening dangers of “binge” or rapid drinking; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers its units and councils implement programs to alert parents, teachers, and students to the dangers and increase of “binge” or rapid drinking among young people.