

# Town of Boone



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, April has been declared Alcohol Awareness Month by the State of North Carolina; and,

**WHEREAS**, Two out of three teens, aged 13-18, said it is easy to get alcohol from their home without parents knowing about it; and,

**WHEREAS**, A majority of underage current drinkers in 2007 reported that their last use of alcohol in the past month occurred either in someone else's home (56.3 percent) or their own home (29.4 percent); and,

**WHEREAS**, Among underage drinkers who did not pay for the alcohol the last time they drank, parents, guardians, or other adult family members provided the alcohol 19.5 percent of the time, they took the alcohol from the home 5.5 percent of the time and took it from someone else's home 3.4 percent of the time; and,

**WHEREAS**, Parents can have a significant impact on their children's decision not to drink alcohol by creating family guidelines that set a "no alcohol" rule and by supporting this rule with "zero tolerance"; and,

**WHEREAS**, Minimizing access to alcohol creates a barrier and can protect children from harm;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Loretta Clawson, Mayor of the Town of Boone, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 30th, 2011 as "**Talk it Up, Lock it Up!**" day and urge all citizens to take note of this observance, to secure and monitor the alcohol in their home, and to stand up for the health and safety of our community's youth and families.

Loretta Clawson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Freida Van Allen, Clerk

