



City of Richmond

Proclamation



Proclamation Declaring April 2026 as Alcohol Awareness Month

WHEREAS, alcohol remains one of the most commonly used substances among youth and continues to pose serious public health and safety risks; and

WHEREAS, early alcohol use increases the risk of long-term dependency and harmful outcomes later in life; and

WHEREAS, recent 2024–2025 California Healthy Kids Survey data from West Contra Costa Unified School District shows ongoing concerns, including:

- 20%–25% of high school students reporting lifetime alcohol or drug use;
- 14%–19% reporting lifetime alcohol use;
- 6%–9% reporting alcohol use in the past 30 days; and
- 2%–4% reporting binge drinking; and

WHEREAS, alcohol use—particularly underage use—can lead to serious consequences including injury, impaired judgment, and dangerous behaviors such as driving under the influence; and

WHEREAS, tragedies in our community, including the loss of a Richmond teen in 2024 caused by a drunk driver while the victim was at home, underscore that the impacts of alcohol-related harm extend beyond the individual and can affect anyone at any time; and

WHEREAS, prevention, education, and strong support systems are critical to reducing substance use and promoting healthier outcomes for Richmond youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Eduardo Martinez, Mayor of the City of Richmond, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2026 as Alcohol Awareness Month in the City of Richmond; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City encourages residents, families, schools, and community partners to raise awareness, support prevention efforts, and work together to reduce alcohol-related harm.

Mayor Eduardo Martinez
City of Richmond
April 28, 2026

