

PROCLAMATION

National Youth Substance Use Prevention Month

WHEREAS, during the month of October, a national observance sponsored by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) is dedicated to youth substance use prevention; and

WHEREAS, during National Youth Substance Use Prevention Month, we reaffirm our commitment to helping our youth lead healthy, fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, ONDCP is committed to preventing substance use among our Nation's youth, including alcohol, tobacco products, illicit drugs, and misused prescription medications; and

WHEAREAS, through ONDCP, the Drug-free Community Support Program (DFC) helps equip community coalitions to prevent and reduce youth substance use at the local level; and

WHEREAS, LowCountry Alliance for Healthy Youth, a DFC grant recipient awarded by ONDCP, is committed to preventing substance use among our youth, including alcohol, tobacco products, illicit drugs, and misused prescription medications by bringing together representation from all sectors of our community to develop a comprehensive local solution to preventing and reducing youth substance use and related risk behaviors.

WHEREAS, we join the LowCountry Alliance for Healthy Youth in a call to parents, caregivers, educators, youth serving organizations, businesses, healthcare professionals, media, law enforcement officials, faith and community leaders and all community members to take action and send clear messages about the health, legal, and social consequences of youth alcohol and other drug use; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Bluffton, SC now joins and supports the efforts of LowCountry Alliance for Healthy Youth Coalition in raising awareness about youth substance use, a preventable pediatric public health issue.

NOW THEREFORE, I Lisa Sulka, Mayor of Bluffton, along with Town Council, I do hereby proclaim the month of October to be Youth Substance Use Prevention Month in the Town of Bluffton South Carolina.

Lisa Sulka, Mayor