

**SENSE OF THE BOARD RESOLUTION  
CONGRATULATING MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING  
ON THEIR FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, on September 5, 1980, after the death of her 13-year-old daughter, Cari, by a drunk driver, Candace Lightner formed Mothers Against Drunk Drivers together with Cindi Lamb, whose child was also the victim of a crash with a drunk driver, in order to change drunk driving laws; and

**WHEREAS**, in October, 1980, MADD hosted its first national press conference with the mission of raising public awareness regarding the hazards of drunk and drugged driving, and to help victims and families of victims who had been involved in a crash with an impaired driver. In 1984, MADD changed their name to Mothers Against Drunk Driving to explain that their mission is about the action and not the person specifically.

**WHEREAS**, in 1982: MADD joined the Presidential Commission on Drunk Driving created by President Reagan, resulting in the passage of the Howard-Barnes Alcohol Traffic Safety Law, which gives states financial incentive to pass laws lowering the legal blood alcohol levels for impaired driving from 0.15 percent to 0.1 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers changed their name to Mothers Against Drunk Driving to explain that their mission is about the action and not the person specifically; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1984, MADD was instrumental in getting the National Minimum Legal Drinking Age Act enacted, imposing a penalty on states which did not raise the minimum age for the purchase and possession of alcohol to 21, resulting in every state raising its minimum drinking age to 21 by 1988; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1996, MADD changed their mission statement to also include the prevention of underage drinking; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 40 years, MADD has worked tirelessly to influence DUI (driving under the influence) laws, increase public awareness about underage drinking and impaired driving, save lives, and help victims and their families.; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1980, thanks, in part, to the efforts of MADD, the annual number of drunk driving deaths has been cut in half; and

**WHEREAS**, today, there are several hundred local MADD chapters spread throughout the US and Canada.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the 30<sup>th</sup> Stamford Board of Representatives congratulates Mothers Against Drunk Driving on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and thanks them for their dedication and hard work in reducing underage drinking and drunk driving.

*Approved by the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives  
This 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020*

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Matthew Quinones, President  
30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives

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