

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Manor recognizes the importance of parents talking with their teens about alcohol and other drugs in order to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, high school students who use alcohol or other substances are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe good grades are not important; and

**WHEREAS**, 27 percent of middle school students try alcohol before graduating from 8th grade, significantly increasing the risk that they will develop alcohol problems later in life; and

**WHEREAS**, underage drinking contributes to more than 4,300 deaths among people below the age of 21 in the U.S. each year; and

**WHEREAS**, the majority of kids say their parents are their primary influence when it comes to decisions about drinking alcohol; and

**WHEREAS**, PowerTalk21®, started by Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) in 2011, is established to encourage parents and caregivers to embrace their important role in influencing America's youth and their decisions about drinking alcohol and using other drugs; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022, MADD encourages parents to use PowerTalk 21, as part of Power of Parents® program to create a sustained and prolonged conversation about underage drinking and other drugs among middle school and high school students; and

**WHEREAS**, to equip parents to talk with their teens about alcohol, MADD Central Texas on April 1, 2022 – May 31<sup>st</sup> will launch PowerTalk 21 to give parents the tools to effectively talk to their children about alcohol and other drugs to protect them; and

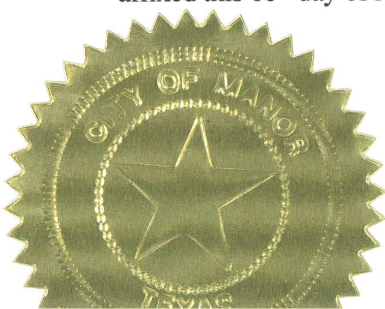
**WHEREAS**, I urge all citizens to join in the local and national efforts to raise awareness of the importance of parents and teens talking together about alcohol to reduce the risks and dangers posed to teens and communities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor of the City of Manor, Texas, and on behalf of the Manor City Council, do hereby proclaim April 1<sup>st</sup> - May 31, 2022, to be:

### PowerTalk 21®

in the City of Manor of Texas.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Manor to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2022.



Dr. Christopher Harvey, Mayor  
City of Manor