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CILMI CONTINUES FIGHT AGAINST UNDERAGE DRINKING



Shown with Legislator Cilmi and Supervisor Croci are Wayne Johnston, Karp's Liquor Store; Ken Cronin, EI School Board member; John Davis, President of EI Soccer Club; Carol Coffin, Jodi Capobianco and Kat Lichter, members of the Coalition; Robin McKinnon, Prevention Specialist from South Oaks Hospital, and students: Laura Coffin, Amber Capobianco, Jon Coffin, Jenny Coffin, Kelly Boyle, Colleen Boyle, Taylor Kozak, Jake Kozak, and Sam Lichter

Suffolk County Legislator Tom Cilmi and Town of Islip Supervisor Tom Croci recently joined with members of the East Islip Drug and Alcohol Coalition along with a handful of East Islip High School and Middle School students in front of Karp's Liquor Store to kick-off their NOYL Campaign. NOYL (Not On Your Life) is centered around a pledge signed by alcoholic beverage retailers not to sell alcohol to minors. Wayne Johnston of Karp's Liquors was one of the first to sign.

Cilmi, who has made under-age drinking one of his priorities, said, "This is a problem with far-reaching consequences; children are binge drinking at younger and younger ages. Cooperation between parents, educators, the business community and kids is essential if we're going to make a difference. That's exactly what this coalition is about. With 30% of underage drinkers reporting being able to purchase the alcohol themselves, we are looking for a commitment from every business that sells alcoholic beverages to join us in this fight."

For additional information or to get involved, please contact Carol Coffin, Chairperson of the East Islip Drug and Alcohol Coalition at ccoffin@optonline.net.