



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS*, alcohol misuse and abuse are major public health concerns that affects all Wyoming residents, including those living in Gillette; and
- WHEREAS*, adolescents are more likely to use alcohol than tobacco or other drugs; and
- WHEREAS*, most youth in Campbell County don't drink in a typical week, but there is great concern for those who do; and
- WHEREAS*, the earlier an individual begins drinking, the greater his or her risk of developing alcohol-use problems in the future.
- WHEREAS*, the Gillette Police Department and the Campbell County Sheriff's Office made 556 drinking and driving arrests in 2012.
- WHEREAS*, recent studies have found an increase in the number of people who drink five or more drinks within two hours, which is one of the riskiest forms of drinking, and
- WHEREAS*, the health risks of drinking alcohol in excess include increased risks of cancers of the liver and throat, as well as liver cirrhosis, brain damage, and heart problems; and
- WHEREAS*, alcohol-related problems cost the U.S. economy an estimated \$185 billion per year in lost productivity and earnings due to alcohol-related illness, premature death, and crime.
- WHEREAS*, community norms that foster or condone alcohol abuse are a major factor contributing to continued problems surrounding alcohol; and
- WHEREAS*, parental support for alcohol-free youth and open communication about rules and consequences can significantly reduce underage drinking;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Tom Murphy, Mayor of the City of Gillette, along with Substance Abuse Advisory Council, do hereby proclaim April 2013 as:

Alcohol Awareness Month

As Mayor, I call upon all members of our community to support efforts that increase community awareness, understanding and action to reduce underage drinking and to prevent alcohol-related harms in our community.

Signed this 1st day of April 2013.

Tom Murphy, Mayor

(Attest)

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk