



## *PROCLAMATION*

Our Nation has always drawn its strength from the differences of our people, from a vast range of thought, experience, and ability. Every day, Americans with disabilities enrich our communities and businesses. They are leaders, entrepreneurs, and innovators, each with unique talents to contribute and points of view to express.

*WHEREAS*, the month of March 2014, has been designated as "Disability Awareness Month" to celebrate and recognize people with disabilities; and

*WHEREAS*, disability is a natural part of the human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals with disabilities to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society and experience in the economic, political, social, cultural and educational mainstream of American society; and

*WHEREAS*, family members, friends and members of the community can play a central role in enhancing the lives of people with disabilities, especially when the family and community are provided with necessary support services, and public and private employers are aware of the capabilities of people with disabilities to be engaged in competitive work in inclusive settings; and

*WHEREAS*, the most effective way to increase disability awareness is through everyone's active participation in community activities and the openness of all of us to learn and acknowledge each individual's contributions; and

*NOW THEREFORE*, I, John Opseth, Mayor of the City of Gillette, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2014 as,

### *DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH*

in the City of Gillette, and call upon citizens of Gillette to observe the month with appropriate programs and activities.

Dated this 4th day of March 2014.

(Attest)

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Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk

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John Opseth, Mayor