



PROCLAMATION OF ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH 2014
“HELP FOR TODAY, HOPE FOR TOMORROW”

- WHEREAS***, Alcohol misuse and abuse are major public health concerns that affect all Wyoming residents including those living in Campbell County; and
- WHEREAS***, Economic costs, including lost productivity from illness, death, and crime, is estimated at \$223.5 billion dollars a year; and
- WHEREAS***, Excessive alcohol use has immediate harmful effects such as unintentional injuries, violence, risky sexual behavior, and medical emergencies; and
- WHEREAS***, Over time excessive alcohol consumption can lead to the development of chronic diseases such as dementia, cardiovascular problems, liver disease, and cancer; and
- WHEREAS***, Consequences for alcohol consumption in youth may include school problems, legal problems, disruption of normal growth and development, and abuse of other drugs; and
- WHEREAS***, Over 70% of Campbell County youth do not drink and over 80% of Campbell County youth do not binge drink; and
- WHEREAS***, Parental support for alcohol-free youth and open communication about rules and consequences can significantly reduce underage drinking;

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Opseth, Mayor of the City of Gillette, join the Campbell County Prevention Council and do hereby proclaim the month of April 2014 as,

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in the City of Gillette. As the Mayor, I also call upon all citizens, parents, governmental agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, schools and colleges in the City of Gillette to support efforts that will reduce stigma, increase community awareness and increase support for individuals and families coping with alcoholism. Through these efforts, together, we can provide “**Help for Today, Hope for Tomorrow**” for those in our community who are facing challenges with alcohol misuse and abuse.

Signed this 1st day of April 2014.

John Opseth, Mayor

(Attest)

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk