



CITY OF GILLETTE

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Proclamation May as Electrical Safety Month

Whereas, hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

Whereas, on average, there are 418 civilian deaths related to electrical home structure fires each year; and

Whereas, property damage resulting from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and

Whereas, citizens are encouraged to inspect their homes and workplaces for possible electrical hazards; and

Whereas, citizens are advised to protect their homes and families with the latest safety technology, such as ground fault circuit interrupters, arc fault circuit interrupters and tamper resistant receptacles; and

Whereas, citizens are urged to install, test and properly maintain an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

Whereas, the City of Gillette Electrical Services Division is actively supporting this vital initiative, promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace through education, awareness and advocacy;

Now, Therefore, I, Louise Carter-King, the Mayor of the City of Gillette, do hereby proclaim the month of *May as Electrical Safety Month*, in the City of Gillette and encourage all citizens to observe the importance of establishing and practicing electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries, and deaths.

ADOPTED this _____ day of May 2015.

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

Attest:

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk