

Gillette City Council Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the United States, one person dies by suicide every 13 minutes, with 42,773 deaths by suicide in our country during 2014; and

WHEREAS, Campbell County has lost 77 residents to suicide since 2009; and

WHEREAS, suicide is the 5th leading cause of death in Wyoming and Campbell County, the second leading cause of death among young people in Wyoming and Wyoming has one of the highest rates of suicide in the nation; and

WHEREAS, each death by suicide takes a devastating toll on family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with suicide works against prevention efforts by discouraging those at risk from seeking life-saving help and traumatizes the survivors of suicide; and

WHEREAS, suicide is preventable with education and intervention; and

WHEREAS, community-wide suicide prevention efforts should be developed and encouraged to the maximum extent possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Louise Carter-King, Mayor of the City of Gillette, along with Campbell County Suicide Prevention Coalition and Prevention Management Organization, do hereby commit to training 100% of City staff in QPR -Question, Persuade, and Refer suicide prevention gatekeeper training.

As Mayor, I call upon all members of our community to support efforts that increase community awareness of the signs of suicide, the skills necessary to intervene in a crisis, and the resources available to aid someone in need of help.

Signed

Louise Carter-King, Mayor

(Attest)

Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk