



## *City of Gillette Proclamation*

- **Whereas**, smoking kills more than 480,000 people in the U.S. each year, which is over 200,000 more people than alcohol, AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined; and
- **Whereas**, secondhand smoke contains over 7,000 chemicals, at least 250 known harmful chemicals, 69 chemicals that cause cancer, and kills nearly 50,000 people in the U.S. each year; and
- **Whereas**, in the U.S., 90 percent of all smokers start while they are in their teens or earlier; and
- **Whereas**, for Campbell County students in 2016, 0% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, 10% of 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, 17% of 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and 22% of 12<sup>th</sup> grade students reported using tobacco within the last 30 days; and
- **Whereas**, Kick Butts Day is an annual national initiative that empowers elementary, junior high, and high school students to be the leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke; and
- **Whereas**, the youth of the Students 4 Change youth coalition will no longer tolerate the tobacco industry's efforts to manipulate us into buying lethal and addictive products through insidious advertising campaigns and marketing practices.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Louise Carter-King, Mayor of the City of Gillette, do Hereby proclaim  
March 21, 2018 as

### **“Kick Butts Day 2018”**

As a day for all citizens to stand up with the Students 4 Change youth coalition to take action to help our youth become the 1<sup>st</sup> tobacco free generation.

Signed

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Louise Carter-King, Mayor

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(Attest) Karlene Abelseth, City Clerk