

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, suicide is a major public health issue that requires vigilant attention and preventative action with over 8 deaths by suicide recorded in Campbell County during 2018; and

WHEREAS, each death by suicide directly impacts numerous family members, friends, loved ones, and by extension the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the Campbell County Suicide Prevention Council is committed to raising awareness, providing education and training on suicide prevention, and reducing stigma; and

WHEREAS, the County of Campbell is committed to ensuring that those in need have access to services by healthcare providers trained in best practices to reduce suicide risk, and to reducing the stigma associated with using behavioral health treatment or losing a loved one to suicide; and

WHEREAS, Campbell County conducts annual suicide prevention training for community members with dozens of individuals trained last year/to date; and

WHEREAS, no single suicide prevention effort will be sufficient or appropriate for all populations or communities; all are asked to join together and take a stand to help those who are contemplating suicide; and

WHEREAS, September 8th through 15th is recognized across the United States as Suicide Prevention Week and provides the opportunity to educate oneself about warning signs and how best to help those most in need; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT PROCLAIMED, by Mayor Louise Carter-King and all members of the Gillette City Council on this 3rd Day of September, 2019, that the week of September 8th through 15th, 2019, be declared

"SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK"

Louise Carter-King, Mayor (Attest)

Cindy Staskiewicz, Clerk