



# CITY OF BILLINGS

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## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** ~ The youth of Billings are our friends, classmates, co-workers, children, brothers and sisters, and the future of our community; and
- WHEREAS** ~ in recent weeks our hearts were broken when several of our most promising and loved young people were taken from us or injured as the result of tragic accidents; and
- WHEREAS** ~ every citizen of Billings wishes to extend his or her most sincere condolences to the families, classmates, friends and other close associates of these young people who will forever remain in our hearts, minds, and prayers; and
- WHEREAS** ~ high schools in Billings and many individuals want to lift up the families and friends of Christine, Emma, Conner, Tommy, Kylie, and Zac and do everything they can to help them emotionally and with financial and tangible support; and
- WHEREAS** ~ as a result of these efforts a number of Go Fund Me and Venmo accounts have been established, and other options exist for helping the families impacted by these tragedies; and
- WHEREAS** ~ more information about those accounts and other options for how you can help can be found by visiting the Facebook page or website of the Big J Show on 101.9 FM, the Billings Gazette, KTVQ-TV, KULR8 TV, and many other media outlets here in Billings.

NOW, THEREFORE, I William Cole, Mayor of the City of Billings, do hereby proclaim the end of this month from Thursday, February 25 through Sunday, February 28, 2021, as

### BILLINGS STRONG WEEKEND

in Billings and encourage everyone in our community to hug their loved ones, to support in every way they can the families that have recently suffered these tragedies, and to help our high schools as they support each other and the students who are the future of Billings.

William A. Cole, Mayor