



Proclamation

Whereas, According to the most recent U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs study, approximately 20 veterans die by suicide every day in the United States; and

Whereas, Veterans face a disproportionate risk of suicide when compare to the general population of Idaho; and

Whereas, the highest risk for suicide is among younger Veterans, especially those who served on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan; and

Whereas, the risk of suicide can be reduced through awareness, proper education, resources, and treatment; and


Whereas, suicide affects each and every one of us in some way and it is truly up to us to help those we love by being good neighbors, good friends and good family members if we are to protect our young people from such a tragic fate;


Therefore, we, the chief elected local officials in the Treasure Valley, do proclaim the month of April, 2018 as


Veteran Suicide Awareness Month

We call upon our communities to join us in recognizing how serious suicide is and the steps each of us can take to protect those around us from such tragedy.


Kelly Aberasturi – Owyhee County Commissioner


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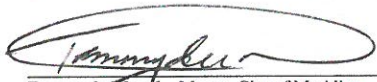

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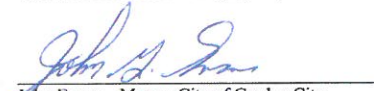

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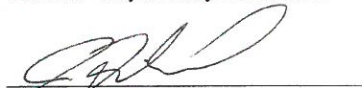

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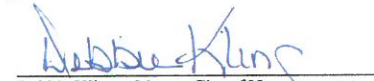

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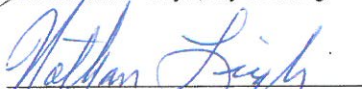

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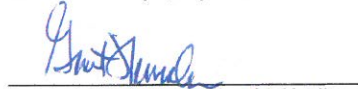

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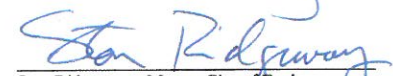

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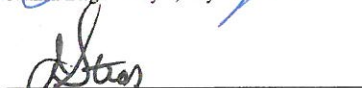

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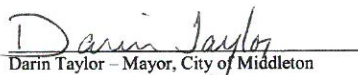

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