

PROCLAMATION

Laramie Deaf Awareness Week

Whereas, Deaf Awareness Week was first celebrated by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) in 1958. This event is also known as International Week of the Deaf commemorating the first congress of the World Federation of the Deaf which took place in September 1951; and,

Whereas, at least 20 Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing individuals reside in Laramie; and,

Whereas, the community benefits from many contributions of Deaf, Deafblind and Hard of Hearing residents; and,

Whereas, the purpose of Deaf Awareness Week is to increase public awareness of the issues and the culture of people who are Deaf. The event is an opportunity to promote equal access to information and services for Deaf individuals and to educate the public about the misconceptions of being Deaf.

Whereas, the last week of September has been designated as “Deaf Awareness Week” to celebrate and recognize Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing individuals and promote awareness in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Paul Weaver, acting as Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming do hereby proclaim the last week of September 2021, as

Deaf Awareness Week

in this city and encourage all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to join in observing the week in honor of persons who are Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing.

DATED and signed September 21, 2021.

**Paul Weaver,
Mayor and President of the City of
Laramie**

Attest:

Nancy Bartholomew, CMC, City Clerk