

Proclamation

WHEREAS, marijuana is the most commonly used drug by youth in Washington State who seek treatment for substance use; and

WHEREAS, April 20 (4.20) has become known in cannabis culture as National Weed Day, with media coverage of this day suggesting that marijuana use is the norm and is not harmful; and

WHEREAS, most Washington State adults and youth do not use marijuana; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that youth who begin using early and who use heavily are 4 times more likely than adults to become addicted; and

WHEREAS, youth who use marijuana are more likely to experience academic failure because marijuana interferes with attention, memory, and learning; and

WHEREAS, marijuana impairs driving because it impairs judgment, coordination, and reaction time; yet many youth in Washington State do not perceive driving under the influence of marijuana to be a risky activity; and

WHEREAS, parents have a strong influence on their children's decision whether or not to use drugs; and


WHEREAS, parents communicating with their kids about not using marijuana will mean that more youth will grow up healthy and reach their full potential;

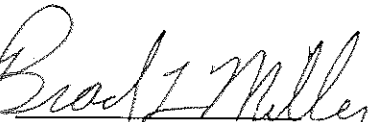
NOW THEREFORE, we, Mike Blankenship, Nathan Davis, and Brad Miller, Commissioners of Ferry County, do hereby proclaim April 20, 2016, as

Talk With Your Kids About Why They Should Keep Off the Grass

In Ferry County, and we urge all parents and guardians to join me in this important observance by having a frank family conversation about NOT using marijuana, starting at 4:20 PM, using straightforward, factual information from websites such as starttalkingnow.org as their guide.


Mike Blankenship


Nathan Davis


Brad Miller