

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the epidemic of gun accidents and violence is plaguing our nation's children and claiming eight lives a day; and

WHEREAS, over 40% of American homes with children have guns, many of them are kept unlocked and loaded, and children in the United States are more likely to die from a gun accident or violence than from all natural causes combined; and

WHEREAS, the ASK (Asking Saves Kids) Campaign urges parents to ASK their neighbors if there is a gun in their home before sending a child over to play; and

WHEREAS, through a national public health campaign, it is hoped that asking will become part of good parenting; offering a real solution to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the power of the ASK Campaign is that it enrolls all Americans concerned with the welfare of children, including gun owners, and makes the solution to gun accidents and violence a discussion about public safety and good parenting.

Now be it RESOLVED, that I Dan Specht, Mayor of Yankton, and my fellow Commissioners therefore do hereby proclaim June 21, 2009 to be "ASK Day" and calls upon the citizens of Yankton, South Dakota to recognize the importance of gun safety.

DAN SPECHT, MAYOR

JUNE 8, 2009

AL VIERECK, FINANCE OFFICER

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