

PROCLAMATION

However effective government may be in serving the needs of citizens, the soul of our City and its vitality as a place to live and work depend upon the relationships of families, friends, and neighbors.

Strengthening those bonds is not as much in the hands of institutions or governments as it is in the hearts of the people – those who volunteer to help others of all ages, races, and religions cope with illnesses, overcome hardships and barriers, adjust to social changes, and fulfill their potential. These volunteers are the often unrecognized leaders of our society.

Jenna Carda, recently named one of Montana's top honorees in the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program, exemplifies the value of volunteer community service, and is a role model to other youth as well as adults in our City.

A surprising number of volunteers in communities across the nation are like Jenna, a student contributing time without expectation of reward other than the gratification that comes from assisting others. Some of these young people work in established groups; others seek new and unique ways to help others on their own.

Recognizing these young volunteers and encouraging others to follow their example is the aim of this nationwide program conducted by Prudential Financial and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Its aim is to reach into every community, in all 50 states, to identify and honor these young leaders locally, state-by-state, and then, nationally, in the hope that their recognition will serve to stimulate others to volunteer service.

As mayor and on behalf of our City, I commend Jenna Carda, our Spirit of Community Award honoree, for her outstanding volunteer contribution to others.

Therefore, in honor of her achievement, I am proclaiming Saturday, February 27th, 2010 as the **Jenna Carda Spirit of Community Recognition Day in Miles City, Montana.**

Signed, this 23rd Day of February, 2010

Joseph R. Whalen
MAYOR