



KICK BUTT DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nationwide, nearly one fifth of all high school students (grades 9-12) are current smokers; along with nearly one out of every fourteen eighth graders;

WHEREAS, three million high school students are current smokers; and more than a third of all kids who ever try smoking a cigarette become new regular, daily smokers before leaving high school;

WHEREAS, one out of three youth smokers will ultimately die prematurely from smoking-related diseases, unless current trends are reversed;

WHEREAS, smoking kills more than 400,000 Americans each year, representing more deaths than from AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs and fires combined, and most of these deaths could be prevented; and

WHEREAS, Kick Butts Day is an annual national initiative sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids that makes elementary, middle and high school students leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the children of Morgantown, Kentucky will no longer tolerate the tobacco industry's efforts to manipulate them into buying lethal and addictive products through insidious advertising campaigns and marketing practices; and

THEREFORE, I, BILLY PHELPS, MAYOR, do hereby proclaim March 21st, 2018 as

“Kick Butts Day 2018”

In the town of Morgantown and ask all citizens to stand up with the children of Morgantown in opposition to the sale, advertising and marketing of tobacco products to children.


Mayor Billy Phelps