

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Arbor Day is a special day observed throughout the nation and around the world since 1874, for the planting of trees; and
- WHEREAS,** Missoula has been a TREE City USA recipient for 31 years and our city is blessed with beautifully treed mountain sides, tree lined rivers and canopy covered yards giving us pleasurable places for living, working and playing; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, intercept storm water, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and
- WHEREAS,** Trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 11, 2020 as:

ARBOR DAY

in Missoula, Montana and I urge all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands, to support our city's urban forestry program, and to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the well-being of present and future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana, this 11th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Engen".

John Engen
Mayor