

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Missoula joins with Canada to spur awareness in Montana, the Great Plains region, and the United States for murdered and missing Indigenous women; and

WHEREAS, there is not a comprehensive estimate of Indigenous women who are missing and murdered in the United States, but many factors contribute to this crisis, such as fear, stigma, legal barriers, racism, sexism, and the devastating levels of violence in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of all Native American women in the United States have been raped, assaulted, or stalked by an intimate partner; they are 2.5 times more likely to experience sexual assault; one in three will be raped in her lifetime; and on some reservations, women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than the national average; and

WHEREAS, Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls Awareness Day is proclaimed to be May 5 each year and the event seeks to build support by increasing awareness in the United States; and

WHEREAS, There continue to be missing Native women in Montana and from Missoula. We seek to honor the families who have lost loved ones to violence or murder.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of Missoula, Montana do hereby proclaim May 5, 2021 as:

NATIONAL DAY OF AWARENESS FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS

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 5th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



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

John Engen
Mayor