PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, older Americans bring a lifetime of skills and experience as parents, workers and citizens that can be tapped to meet challenges in our communities; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades Senior Corps and its three programs – RSVP, Senior Companions and Foster Grandparents – have effectively engaged Americans 55 and over in meeting national and community needs; and

WHEREAS, each year Senior Corps provides opportunities for nearly 330,000 older Americans across the nation, including approximately 800 in Missoula County, to serve their communities with more than 96.2 million hours given to more than 65,000 groups; and

WHEREAS service by older Americans helps volunteers by keeping them active, healthy and engaged, helps our communities by solving local problems, helps our nation save taxpayer dollars, reducing healthcare costs and strengthening our democracy; and

WHEREAS the third annual Senior Corps Week, May 7-11, 2012, is an opportunity to thank Senior Corps volunteers for their service and recognize their positive impact and value to our communities and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 7 - 11, 2012, as

SENIOR CORPS WEEK

in Missoula, Montana and urge citizens to recognize Senior Corps volunteers and programs for their valuable impact on our communities.

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 4th day of May in the year two thousand twelve.

John Engen
Mayor