

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 50,000 Montana youth will experience the death of a parent or sibling before their 25th birthday; and

WHEREAS, many kids feel misunderstood in the wake of loss, thinking that their grief is invisible to those around them; and

WHEREAS, all bereaved youth deserve advocates, supporting them as they navigate a world without their person; and

WHEREAS, effective grief support can help mitigate against possible negative outcomes by fostering positive coping mechanisms and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this month serves to build a foundation of support for grieving youth, strengthening a national community of bereaved individuals, support service organizations, and community members; and

WHEREAS, our community is committed to supporting one another, working to raise awareness of children's grief and ensure that no child grieves alone.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jordan Hess, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the month of November, 2023 as:

CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS MONTH

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 23rd day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-three.



Jordan Hess
Mayor