

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the epilepsies, seizures, and side effects, as well as to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research & connection; and

**WHEREAS,** epilepsy is a brain disorder characterized by recurrent and unprovoked seizures that can affect anyone, at any age, at any time; and

**WHEREAS,** epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder - nearly 3.4 million people in the U.S., including over 10,000 in Montana, live with active epilepsy; and

**WHEREAS,** protections exist in the Americans with Disabilities Act and related civil rights laws, but people with epilepsy still encounter discrimination in areas including employment, education, and housing; and

**WHEREAS,** we must increase public knowledge about the epilepsies and seizure first aid to change the way people think about the epilepsies and seizures, decrease stigma and improve outcomes because 25% of the general public say they would be nervous around a person with epilepsy.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the month of November, 2024 as:

## EPILEPSY 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 4th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty-four.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrea Davis".

Andrea Davis  
Mayor