

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** up to 35% of all food produced is wasted, even though much of it is safe and nutritious and could help feed those in need; and

**WHEREAS,** everyone benefits from better utilizing food resources which creates stronger and more sustainable communities; and

**WHEREAS,** a family of four can save between \$1866-3000 per year by reducing wasted food.<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** we have an opportunity to conserve shared resources - such as land, water, and energy - that are used to produce and transport food that ultimately goes uneaten; and

**WHEREAS,** food in landfills decomposes slowly, releasing methane gas, a potent contributor to climate change.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize April 7-13, 2025 as:

## FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK

And I encourage all residents to commit to reducing food waste in their homes, workplaces, and 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 7th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-five.



Andrea Davis  
Mayor

<sup>1</sup>\* [Penn State 2020ReFed 2023.](#)