

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

WHEREAS, wildfire smoke poses a serious and growing threat to public health, and new research demonstrates the dangers of smoke exposure. Wildfire smoke can easily infiltrate indoor spaces, creating unhealthy conditions both outdoors and indoors; and

WHEREAS, exposure to wildfire smoke is linked to worsened asthma attacks, decreased lung function, aggravated COPD symptoms, increased susceptibility to infectious diseases, increased risk of heart attacks and strokes, impaired cognitive function and higher rates of hospitalizations and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the National Interagency Fire Center's outlook for 2025 forecasts significant wildfire potential across much of the Western United States, including regions that contribute smoke to our area; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Ready Missoula plan recognizes that our summers and early fall are becoming hotter and drier, wildfire season is getting longer, wildfire smoke is an increasing risk, and we need to enact proactive strategies to reduce harm; and

WHEREAS, Missoula Public Health and Climate Smart Missoula have resources to help residents understand wildfire smoke risks and take steps to reduce exposure, including guidance on creating indoor air filters and finding places with clean air; and

WHEREAS, effective public messaging and outreach focused on the dangers of wildfire smoke and how individuals can protect themselves are essential for individual preparedness during wildfire season.

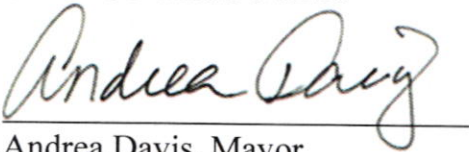
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Missoula County and the City of Missoula, do hereby proclaim July 12-19, 2025, as

WILDFIRE SMOKE READY WEEK

to inform and educate Missoula County and City residents about the hazards wildfire smoke present and how to mitigate against these hazards.

DATED THIS 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

CITY OF MISSOULA




Andrea Davis, Mayor

COUNTY OF MISSOULA



Juanita Vero, Chair


Josh Flotnick, Commissioner
David Strohmaier, Commissioner