

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA

WHEREAS,

the Missoula Art Museum (MAM), under the auspices of the City of Missoula, has for 50 years provided the greater Missoula community with the opportunity to see and experience contemporary art, including Missoula County's extensive art collection, which is rotated through City and County offices to make art more accessible for all; and

WHEREAS,

Laura Millin has served as MAM's executive director for 35 of those years, during which time the museum has evolved as a leading regional cultural institution, attracting 25,000 to 30,000 visitors per year, showcasing 25 exhibits in its six galleries and providing additional diverse public programs each year; and

WHEREAS,

under Laura's visionary leadership, the MAM partnered with the City to expand and renovate the museum's home, the historic Carnegie Library building in downtown Missoula, and dramatically increased its collection of contemporary art, including one of the foremost collections of contemporary Indigenous art in the United States; and

WHEREAS,

Laura has been a tireless advocate for the arts and artists, for freedom of expression and for free admission to the museum and has nurtured alliances in support of the arts and arts education with schools, businesses, state and local governments, tribal nations and nonprofits across the state; and

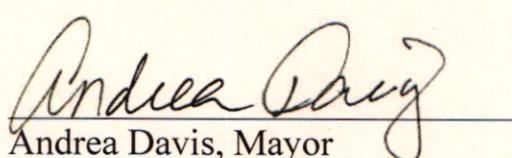
WHEREAS,

Laura has, through her leadership, demeanor and integrity, created and fostered a professional, creative and congenial environment that maximizes the potential of staff, making the MAM a supportive place to work, and a vibrant and welcoming space open to all.

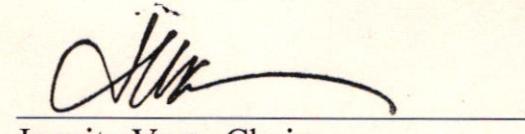
NOW THEREFORE, WE, the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, in recognition of Laura Millin's unparalleled service and dedication to the arts, the MAM and the Missoula community, hereby proclaim June 29, 2025, as

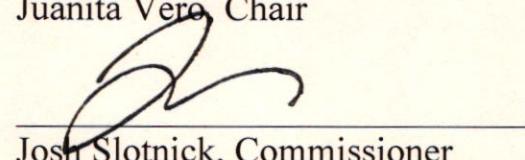
LAURA MILLIN DAY

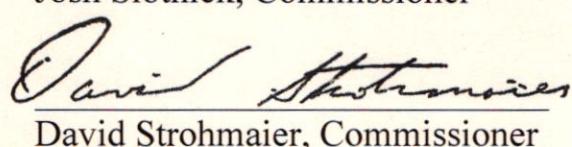
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