

# PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** Epilepsy Awareness Month is a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the epilepsies, seizures, and side effects, as well as improving the lives of people affected by epilepsy through education, advocacy, research, and connection; and
- WHEREAS,** epilepsy is defined by a tendency to experience seizures—sudden, abnormal bursts of electrical activity in the brain that can disrupt behavior, awareness, and bodily control; and
- WHEREAS,** epilepsy can also lead to challenges such as fatigue, memory difficulties, mood changes, anxiety, and trouble concentrating, all of which can significantly impact daily life; and
- WHEREAS,** epilepsy is the fourth most common neurological disorder. Nearly 3.4 million people in the U.S. including nearly 11,000 people in Montana live with active epilepsy; 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 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, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-five.



Andrea Davis  
Mayor