

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Better Hearing Month calls attention to the fact that hearing loss is widespread and impacts many people in this community directly or because of family, friends, and co-workers with hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, approximately 20% of the American population experiences hearing loss; and

WHEREAS, many individuals do not get treatment for hearing loss because of a perceived stigma or embarrassment; and

WHEREAS, untreated hearing loss can lead to communication challenges, isolation, depression, loss of functionality in the workplace, reduced earnings, increased falls, and possible progression to dementia; and

WHEREAS, diagnosis and treatment of hearing loss can help avoid these consequences.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the month of May, 2018 as;

BETTER HEARING 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 23rd day of April, in the year two thousand eighteen.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Engen".

John Engen
Mayor