

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** March 13 was National K9 Veterans Day, which honors retired military and police working dogs for their brave service, which too often gets taken for granted; and

**WHEREAS,** Missoula police K9s have faithfully served the Missoula community for 22 years in the Missoula Police Department and other law enforcement agencies by protecting officers, deescalating potentially violent suspects, performing searches, tracking suspects, locating discarded or concealed evidence and detecting and locating illegal drugs; and

**WHEREAS,** K9s have aided in the seizure of tens of thousands of dollars worth of illicit drugs to include methamphetamine, the drug MDMA, cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and drug money; and

**WHEREAS,** The city of Missoula and hundreds of cities across the country are facing an opioid epidemic, K9s are essential to detecting and removing dangerous opioids from the streets; and

**WHEREAS,** Retired Missoula Police Department K9 Halo was deployed approximately 325 times between June 2012 and July 2016 while assisting the Missoula Police Department and K9 Halo is recognized in his final days for his selfless devotion to the City of Missoula.

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 22nd day of April 2019 as;

## POLICE K9 APPRECIATION DAY

and call upon the community for continued support for the Missoula Police K9 Unit.

**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 22nd day of April, in the year two thousand nineteen.



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

John Engen  
Mayor