

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder which robs individuals of their memories, leads to progressive mental and physical impairments and there are no known treatments to prevent or cure it, let alone slow the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and an estimated 5.8 million people of all ages have Alzheimer's disease, including 21,000 in Montana; and

WHEREAS, family and friend caregivers bear an extraordinary burden in caring for loved ones. In 2018 in Montana alone, 50,000 family members and friends provided 57 million hours of unpaid care; and

WHEREAS, the city of Missoula recognizes the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the quality of human life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been declared World Alzheimer's Month to spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of a world without Alzheimer's disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 28th day of September 2019 as:

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S DAY

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 28th day of September, in the year two thousand nineteen.



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

John Engen, Mayor