

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of its citizens continues to be one of the foremost concerns of the City of Missoula; ensuring that safety and well-being requires the ability to receive calls for help and immediately send responders to provide that help; and

WHEREAS, 9-1-1 is the first critical link in the chain in delivering public safety services; and

WHEREAS, the safety of those responding to emergencies is also of great concern to the City of Missoula; and

WHEREAS, the telecommunicators who work in 9-1-1 display a superior level of commitment, dedication and professionalism in accomplishing their mission of receiving calls for help from citizens, dispatching emergency response agencies and maintaining a communication link with the responders for safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, those same telecommunicators often work extraordinarily long hours and difficult schedules to provide this service to the public and to ensure the safety of responders, but often go unrecognized; and

WHEREAS, amid the current public health emergency and global pandemic of COVID-19 these telecommunicators continue to report for duty every day to ensure the continuity of this critical mission.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, recognize the week of April 12-18, 2020 as

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

I thank the telecommunicators in 9-1-1 for all their efforts and hours and hard work under very difficult circumstances. The community truly would not be safe without them. I also encourage the community to recognize the importance of the function of 9-1-1 and to thank these dedicated individuals in writing.

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 12th day of April, in the year two thousand twenty.



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

John Engen
Mayor