

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Tribal peoples originally inhabited the area now known as the state of Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, our city of Missoula is in the aboriginal territories of the Salish land and Kalispell people; and

**WHEREAS**, numerous American Indian tribes constitute the largest minority group residents in the state of Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate our commitment to respect and preserve the rich American Indian traditions and cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Brian Schweitzer has proclaimed the fourth Friday of September as American Indian Heritage Day.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim Friday, September 22, 2017, as

## AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

in Missoula, Montana, and encourage citizens of Missoula to commemorate this day with appropriate programs and activities and to learn more about the rich heritage of the American Indian tribes.

**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 September, in the year two thousand seventeen.



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

John Engen  
Mayor