PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA CITY AND COUNTY, MONTANA

WHEREAS, the effects of abuse and violent crimes, such as domestic violence, sexual violence and stalking, cross all social and economic lines and affect people of all ages and genders and erode the fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, dedicated victim advocates at the Missoula City-County Community Justice Department, the Missoula YWCA, the University of Montana's Student Advocacy Resource Center, St. Patrick Hospital's First Step Resource Center and victim-witness coordinators at the Missoula County and City Attorney's Offices provide support, information and a continuum of care for victims of crime and their families; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, the YWCA Pathways program provided services to more than 1,300 survivors of interpersonal violence; the Crime Victim Advocate program served 1,750 survivors; the Student Advocacy Resource Center provided services to 228 survivors and First Step served over 400 clients; and

WHEREAS, Missoula community members can get involved by:

> ►*Recognizing and supporting* the people and programs that provide safety, healing and help for survivors of relationship violence;
> ► *Listening, speaking up and expecting respect* and challenging those who joke about, insult or try to dehumanize others;
> ► *Supporting legislation and pledging* never to commit, condone or remain silent about relationship violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, John Engen, mayor of the City of Missoula, and the Missoula Board of County Commissioners, do hereby jointly proclaim October 21, 2021, as:

CRIME VICTIM ADVOCATES AND SOCIAL WORKERS APPRECIATION DAY

and urge all citizens to actively participate in the local activities and programs to work toward the elimination of relationship violence.

MAYOR OF MISSOULA

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