

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Missoula, Montana recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, 500 million disposable straws, a non-essential item, are used in the United States each day; and

WHEREAS, plastic pollution harms the environment and the wildlife in it and giving up plastic straws for a greener alternative is an easy way to suck out part of the problem; and

WHEREAS, young students, such as the class of first graders at Sussex School in Missoula, are working diligently to bring this issue to the attention of the public and promote sustainability among the people of our state to help shape a better future and to join with others who are already taking vital steps to reduce plastic straw use such as Seattle, San Francisco, Malibu, and even recently the large business of McDonald's; and

WHEREAS the City of Missoula is already taking bold and responsible steps towards Zero Waste.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 4th day of May, 2018, as;

STRAW FREE 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 23rd day of April, in the year two thousand eighteen.



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

John Engen
Mayor