

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** one in twelve Montana kids will experience the death of a parent or sibling before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday; and

**WHEREAS,** many children feel misunderstood in the wake of loss, thinking that their grief is invisible to those around to them; and

**WHEREAS,** all bereaved children need advocates, supporting them as they re-enter and navigate a world without their person; and

**WHEREAS,** effective grief support can help mitigate against possible negative outcomes and dangerous or disruptive coping mechanisms; and

**WHEREAS,** recognizing this day serves to build a foundation of support for grieving children, strengthens a national community of bereaved individuals, supports service organizations and community members; and

**WHEREAS,** our community is committed to supporting one another, working to cultivate awareness of childhood grief and ensure that no child grieves alone.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 21st day of November, 2019 as:

## CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS 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 18th day of November, in the year two thousand nineteen.



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

John Engen  
Mayor