

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

COUNTY AND MAYOR RECOGNITION DAY FOR HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

WHEREAS, THE WINTER POSES EXTREME HARDSHIP FOR UNSHELTERED AND INADEQUATELY HOUSED LOW-INCOME MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN MISSOULA; AND,

WHEREAS, RESIDENTS OF MISSOULA WILL GATHER ON THE LONGEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR, DECEMBER 21, 2019, TO HONOR AND REMEMBER HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE DIED IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONS; AND,

WHEREAS, SINCE 1990, DECEMBER 21 HAS BEEN DESIGNATED NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY BY THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS AND THE NATIONAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS COUNCIL, AND IS RECOGNIZED BY CITIES AND STATES NATIONWIDE; AND,

WHEREAS, IN REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED WITHOUT A HOME OF THEIR OWN, WE KEEP URGENT THE CAUSE OF ENDING HOMELESSNESS, THE NEED FOR COMPASSIONATE RESPONSE, AND THE CITY AND COUNTY'S COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO PREVENT SUCH DEATHS IN THE FUTURE.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, DAVID STROHMAIER, JOSH SLOTNICK AND JUANITA VERO, MISSOULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, AND JOHN ENGEN, MAYOR, DO HEREBY RECOGNIZE THE 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2019 AS:

HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY

CITY OF MISSOULA



JOHN ENGEN, MAYOR

COUNTY OF MISSOULA



DAVID STROHMAIER, CHAIR



JOSH SLOTNICK, COMMISSIONER



JUANITA VERO, COMMISSIONER

