

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one in five Montana youth will experience the death of a parent or sibling before their 25th birthday; and

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

WHEREAS, all bereaved youth 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 mechanism; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this day serves to build a foundation of support for grieving youth, strengthening a national community of bereaved individuals, support 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 19th day of November, 2020 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 16th day of November, in the year two thousand twenty.



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

John Engen
Mayor