

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 45,000 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 them; and

WHEREAS, all bereaved youth need advocates, supporting them as they navigate a world without their person; and

WHEREAS, effective grief support can help mitigate against possible negative outcomes by fostering positive coping mechanisms and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, recognizing this month 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 raise awareness of children's 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 month of November as:

Children's Grief Awareness Month

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 1st day of November, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



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

John Engen
Mayor