

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, the World Health Organization recognized the first [World AIDS Day](#) on December 1<sup>st</sup>, to raise awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection, and to mourn the loss of those who have died from the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, in response to the worsening AIDS crisis and coinciding with the World Health Organization's second annual World AIDS Day, Visual AIDS organized the first [Day Without Art](#); and

**WHEREAS**, annually this day serves as a call for mourning and action in response to the ongoing HIV and AIDS crisis globally; celebrates the lives and achievements of lost colleagues and friends; encourages caring for all people with AIDS; educates diverse publics about HIV infection; and advances the work of finding a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, June 2021 marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first cases reported in the U.S. of what would later become known as AIDS, a disease that has killed tens of millions of people to date; and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently more than 1.2 million people in the U.S. and more than 38 million worldwide living with HIV; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Missoula Public Art Committee will once again join Visual Aids in a Day With(out) Art by shrouding some public works of art throughout town in black sheets with red ribbons to bring attention and action to the ongoing global health crisis.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 1st day of December, 2021 as:

## Day With(out) Art

**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 first day of December, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



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

John Engen  
Mayor