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TO: Missoula Mayor John Engen and
Missoula City Council

FROM: J. Kevin Hunt

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RE: Proclaim 4/22 "Bob Campbell Day;" Lower City's US & MT Flags to Half-Staff

Dear Mayor and City Council:

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the 1972 Montana Constitutional Convention ("Con-Con') that produced the nation's most enlightened state constitution, many of us likewise simultaneously mourn the death and honor the legacy of a great Montanan, a Missoula icon to whom all Montanans - though most are now either too young, or too recently arrived here to know this - owe gratitude, because thanks to that Montanan, we're all much freer than had he not lived. I'm speaking of my mentor, my dear friend of 50 years, variously an ally, adversary, hero, nemesis, comrade to thousands; a jester, humorist, historian, philosopher, advocate, lawyer, pharmacist; a (small-l) libertarian, left populist, pacifist, patriot; poet, writer and commentator; a husband, friend and father, whose most cherished life experience was serving as a Missoula delegate elected to the Con-Con, where he sat on the Bill of Rights Committee and where, along with another distinguished Missoula lawyer and delegate, Mae Nan Ellingson (Robinson), he drafted our State Constitution's gorgeous Preamble.

The two Montana Constitutional provisions bearing his wordsmithing of which Bob was most proud and for which we ought to honor and remember him, are the Right to Privacy and the Right to a Clean and Healthful Environment. (He also had a hand in drafting our Free Expression provision that protects liberty beyond the protections of the First Amendment). Montanans of all political stripes must support and defend these provisions, for they form the foundation upon which both personal freedom and our existence rest. The authority and power of government derives from our consent, in order that these paramount and self-evident rights be protected and nourished. One need only drive across

any of Montana's borders to enter a different universe in which one is far more likely to be groundlessly detained, frisked, dog-sniffed, surveilled and so on. And, in that same crossing of a state line, leave behind the Montana Constitutional right, as a citizen, to sue polluters. With federal Constitutional rights hanging by a thread in several pending U.S. Supreme Court cases, Montanans will retain many of them because of their strong and explicit enumeration in our Constitution's Declaration of Rights, particularly Article I, section 10, the Right to Privacy.

An ACLU volunteer attorney, pro tem Municipal Court Judge (after losing the Municipal Judge general election race to Wally Clark – an election campaign during which Bob drove legally blind Wally to their campaign forums), Montana NORML General Counsel (thank God Bob lived to see marijuana legalized in Montana), Bob Campbell often made himself the centerpiece of pranks or jokes in order to highlight a political point. For example, in 1977 (as I recall), in support of the Equal Rights Amendment (thanks to Bob and the Con-Con's Bill of Rights Committee, Montana's Constitution has its own ERA), Bob submitted his own photo to the Missoulian's "Engagements" section, where the mustached Campbell's mug was published amidst those of the lovely brides to be.

I was his best man that time … and his shoulder when that union ended. Because he took me under his wing when I was teenager, I had a leg up on substantive law, legal research/writing, etc. and went on to become a constitutional and criminal defense lawyer, handling a lot of death penalty cases in Oregon for three decades, appearing in the SCOTUS, helping free an innocent death row inmate and cheating the hangman out of a date with many others (every capital defendant I was appointed to defend), culminating in that state's Supreme Court clearing its death row last year. I'm only one of hundreds of people Bob Campbell informally adopted as apprentice agitators for justice. The reach of the ripples Bob initiated in the social pond is impossible to quantify. We are all freer and healthier for it.

Mayor Engen, I ask and propose that Your Honor direct that from April 18-22, 2022, U.S. and Montana flags on all City property be lowered to half-staff in honor and memory of ROBERT J. CAMPBELL, ESQ. and I further ask and propose that Your Honor proclaim, and the Council designate, April 22, 2022 - already known as Earth Day - as BOB CAMPBELL DAY in Missoula, in honor of his life of service including the world's first constitutional provision guaranteeing a clean and healthful environment.

Sincerely,

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