PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, histiocytic disorders, commonly referred to as histiocytosis, are considered orphan diseases, affecting less than 200,000 people per year in the United States, thus are less of a priority for government-funded research; and

WHEREAS, there is no known cure and the goal of treatment is to cause the disease to go into remission; and

WHEREAS, patients with these diseases can suffer damage to their central nervous system, brain, skin, bones, liver, lungs and spleen; and

WHEREAS, increased funding by the National Institutes of Health is crucial to facilitating research into these diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Histiocytosis Association has designated the month of September as "Histiocytosis Awareness Month."

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the month of September, 2018 as;

HISTIOCYTOSIS 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 3rd day of September, in the year two thousand eighteen.



John Engen Mayor