

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is important to accurately detect and test for Phelan-McDermid Syndrome, also known as 22q13 Deletion Syndrome, which is a rare genetic condition caused by a deletion or other structural change of the terminal end of chromosome 22 in the 22q13 region or a disease-causing mutation of the SHANK3 gene; and

WHEREAS, this microdeletion is rarely uncovered by typical genetic screening, therefore a fluorescence in situ hybridization, or FISH test, or whole exome sequencing (WES) is recommended to confirm the diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, individuals, parents and advocacy groups can increase awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and its symptoms through scientific education opportunities and informational exchange; and

WHEREAS, although the range and severity of symptoms may vary, Phelan-McDermid Syndrome is generally thought to be characterized by intellectual disability of varying degrees, delayed or absent speech, symptoms of autism spectrum disorder, low muscle tone, motor delays, and epilepsy; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of Phelan-McDermid Syndrome and promote education that will help inform citizens about this disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the city of Missoula in the State of Montana, do hereby recognize the 22nd day of October as:

PHELAN-MCDERMID SYNDROME 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 22nd day of October, in the year two thousand eighteen.



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

John Engen
Mayor