

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

WHEREAS, the National Interagency Fire Center is predicting above-average, significant wildfire potential throughout our region in 2021; and

WHEREAS, our recently adopted Climate Ready Missoula plan found that our summers are becoming hotter and drier, wildfire smoke is a growing risk and we need to enact strategies to mitigate harm; and

WHEREAS, wildfire smoke is a serious public health threat that causes worsened asthma attacks, decreased lung function, worsened COPD symptoms, increased susceptibility to infectious disease, increased risk of heart attack and stroke and increased hospitalizations and deaths; and

WHEREAS, wildfire smoke can come indoors, creating unhealthy conditions both outside and inside; and

WHEREAS, during periods of heavy wildfire smoke, it is possible to protect health by creating cleaner indoor air spaces, reducing outdoor activities and checking in on friends, family and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, public outreach focused on the dangers of wildfire smoke and how individuals can protect themselves and others plays an important role in community preparedness during wildfire season.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we, Missoula County and the City of Missoula, do hereby proclaim July 12 through July 18 as

WILDFIRE SMOKE READY WEEK

to inform and educate Missoula City and County residents of the hazard that wildfire smoke presents and how to prepare and stay healthy as individuals, families, neighbors and as a community.

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF JULY

CITY OF MISSOULA

John Engen

John Engen, Mayor

COUNTY OF MISSOULA

David Strohmaier

David Strohmaier, Chair

Josh Slotnick

Josh Slotnick, Commissioner

Juanita Vero

Juanita Vero, Commissioner

