

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** arts education enables students to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills, imagination and creativity, discipline and collaboration, alternative ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas, and cross-cultural understanding, which supports academic success across the curriculum; and

**WHEREAS** arts education contributes to increased attendance and graduation rates; elevates academic achievement; and prepares students for college, career, and citizenship readiness; and

**WHEREAS** arts education contributes to personal growth outside of the classroom including increasing a student's likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism, and community engagement; and

**WHEREAS** to succeed in today's economy, students must masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce such as communicating through words, images, sounds, and movement; and

**WHEREAS** the arts are an integral part of life in the United States, Montana, and Missoula, and are an integral part of a complete education which contributes to the vibrancy and vitality of communities and the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the week of September 12 – 18, 2021 as:

## ARTS IN EDUCATION WEEK

**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 13th day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



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

John Engen  
Mayor