

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, during 2022 we celebrate FIFTY YEARS since the People of Montana’s ratification of a new Constitution on June 25, 1972, 73 days after referral to the People of the document widely deemed the best state constitution in America, drafted in 90 days by a non-partisan Constitutional Convention (“Con-Con”) of 100 elected delegates — all Montanans holding no political office; and

**WHEREAS**, the 1972 Constitution reflects the character of Montana’s common People in its Preamble, enlightened Declaration of Rights, and world’s first constitutionally recognized Right to a Clean & Healthful Environment; and

**WHEREAS**, two of Missoula’s Con-Con delegates — ROBERT J. (“Bob”) CAMPBELL and MAE NAN ELLINGSON (Robinson) — co-drafted our Constitution’s Preamble, and each promoted provisions securing personal liberty, equality and transparent government; BOB CAMPBELL drafted the Right to Privacy, also co-drafted the Freedom of Expression, 18-Year-Old Adulthood, and Minors Retaining Adult Rights provisions, was instrumental in recognition of the Right to a Clean & Healthful Environment, and persuaded delegates to approve the Gender Equality provision by bringing iconic Montanan JEANETTE RANKIN — first woman elected to Congress — to the Con-Con floor debate; and

**WHEREAS**, MAE NAN ELLINGSON continues her contributions to Montana history and public policy, but we lost a great citizen, historian, humorist, lawyer and American on April 5, 2022 with the passing of BOB CAMPBELL, of whom, on the occasion, Ms. ELLINGSON said: “No one loved the Montana Constitution and did more to promote its understanding;” and we’re all a bit freer, thanks to these two Missoulians.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the week of June 19-25, 2022 as

## **ROBERT J. CAMPBELL and MAE NAN ELLINGSON WEEK**

and I further proclaim the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 as

## **BOB CAMPBELL APPRECIATION 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 13th day of June, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



John Engen  
Mayor