

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

WHEREAS, wildfire smoke is a serious and growing public health threat, and the more scientists learn about the dangers of smoke exposure, the more we need to act. Wildfire smoke can readily come indoors, creating unhealthy conditions both outside and inside; and

WHEREAS, wildfire smoke causes worsened asthma attacks, decreased lung function, worsened COPD symptoms, increased susceptibility to infectious disease, increased risk of heart attack and stroke, negative impacts on cognition and increased hospitalizations and deaths; and

WHEREAS, the National Interagency Fire Center outlook identifies significant wildfire potential in portions of the Western United States in 2024, including regions that send smoke to our area; and

WHEREAS, our adopted Climate Ready Missoula plan finds that our summers and early fall are becoming hotter and drier, wildfire season is getting longer, wildfire smoke is an increasing risk, and we need to enact strategies to reduce harm; and

WHEREAS, Missoula Public Health and Climate Smart Missoula have resources to help residents understand and decrease exposure to the health risks associated with wildfire smoke; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, Missoula County and the City of Missoula, do hereby proclaim July 8 through 14, 2024, as

WILDFIRE SMOKE READY WEEK

to inform and educate Missoula County and City residents of the hazards that wildfire smoke presents and how to mitigate against these hazards.

DATED THIS 27TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024

CITY OF MISSOULA

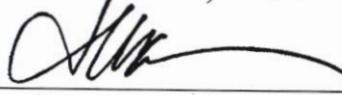


Andrea Davis, Mayor

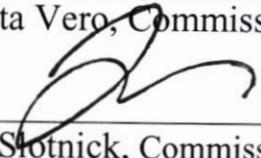
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