

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nationally, there are approximately 100,000 victims of child physical abuse each year and in 2021, there were approximately 154 in Montana – child physical abuse is a serious public health problem; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the earliest signs of physical abuse may prevent tragic outcomes; and

WHEREAS, the bruising clinical decision rule known as TEN-4 FACES can help screen children at risk for abuse by identifying bruising characteristics that have been demonstrated to determine abusive from accidental injuries; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child physical abuse victims are younger than four years of age, a vulnerable population whose safety and well-being relies on adults to intervene and protect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrea Davis, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 4th day of October, 2024 as:

TEN-4 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 4th day of October, in the year two thousand twenty-four.



Andrea Davis
Mayor