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Mayor John Engen and Missoula City Council  
435 Ryman St.  
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Dear Mayor Engen and Missoula City Council Members,

As Missoula County's Climate Resilience Coordinator, I fully support the City of Missoula and Missoula County's JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion) Resolutions and creation of the JEDI Advisory Council. We know that historic racial, health, social, economic, and criminal-justice disparities exist in our community and will be exacerbated in the face of climate change if unaddressed. We support actions that can substantially transform our city and county by promoting policies, practices, resources and community engagement that are rooted in the values of justice, equity, diversity and inclusion. The measures proposed in the resolution will ensure that we are making decisions that promote these values, are based on data, and engage our communities in an inclusive and participatory process.

I strongly urge your support for the JEDI resolutions and JEDI advisory council as a cornerstone of efforts to ensure that Missoula is a place where all people thrive.

Sincerely,

Caroline Lauer  
Climate Resilience Coordinator  
Missoula County