

# 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; 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, and increased hospitalizations and deaths; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Interagency Fire Center is predicting significant wildfire potential throughout much of the western United States in 2022, including in regions that send smoke to our area; and

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

**WHEREAS**, wildfire smoke can come indoors, creating unhealthy conditions both outside and inside; and

**WHEREAS**, it is possible to decrease the risk this smoke poses by creating cleaner indoor air spaces and reducing outdoor activities; and

**WHEREAS**, public messaging focused on the dangers of wildfire smoke and how individuals can protect themselves plays 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 9-16 as

## WILDFIRE SMOKE READY WEEK

to inform and educate Missoula County and City residents of the hazard that wildfire smoke presents and how to mitigate it.

**DATED THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY**

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