

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, James K. Caras immigrated from Greece to the United States in 1908 and chose to make Missoula, Montana, his home; and

**WHEREAS**, James K. Caras applied hard work and dedication to the conduct of his business and became a successful partner in the local business industry and generously contributed his time, energy and resources to the betterment of the Missoula community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Missoula Park Board voted in 1977 to re-name Island Park in Missoula as “Caras Park” in honor of James K. Caras; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of James K. Caras’ contributions to the community was not widely known, which prompted a group of Missoula citizens to cause to be prepared a bronze plaque summarizing his life to be placed in Caras Park; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 10, 2022, the Missoula Parks and Recreation Board voted to permit the placement of this plaque and, further, voted to re-dedicate Caras Park to honor James K. Caras,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the 24th day of August, 2022 as:

## JAMES K. CARAS DAY

and I encourage all Missoulians to emulate his example of civic participation in efforts to improve our community.

**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 24th day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-two.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Engen".

John Engen  
Mayor