

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the October 2018 report entitled, “Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C” by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the November 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment report found that human activity is the dominant cause of observed climate change over the past century;

WHEREAS, climate change impacts food security through diminishing access to fresh water and a change in the distribution of arable land by exacerbating drought in the U.S.’s most fertile agricultural areas;

WHEREAS, entomophagy, the practice of eating insects, has many advantages that contribute to a sustainable food system;

WHEREAS, Montana is a leader in the agriculture industry, in that

1. Agriculture is consistently Montana’s leading industry;
2. Montana Department of Agriculture allows insects in their definition of agricultural produce; and Insect farming is an opportunity to sustainably expand Montana’s agricultural sector.

THEREFORE, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognizes Missoula as an “Entomophagic Friendly Community”, and that Sunday, Sept. 15th, 2019 is declared as “Munch a Bug, Missoula Day” , where Missoulians are encouraged to attend Sunday Streets Missoula, where they can participate in the Missoula City-County Health Department’s Eat Smart program, by trying entomophagic food, and learning about the climatological and nutritional benefits of an entomophagic option in their diets..

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 9th day of September, in the year two thousand nineteen.



John Engen
Mayor