PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Missoula is an internationally-minded community and the Garden City has had a long history of facilitating, fostering and celebrating “a multitude of international organizations, activities and events”; and

WHEREAS, the University of Montana has over 400 international students, faculty, researchers and staff members, from more than 60 different countries; and

WHEREAS, UM’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center is dedicated to enhancing mutual understanding between the United States and Asia and to fostering ethical public policy and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Montana World Trade Center program strengthens Montana businesses through international trade and the Montana World Affairs Council enables Montanans to appreciate the relationship of foreign policy and international issues; and

WHEREAS, Missoula is home to the Missoula International Friendship Program, a non-profit, volunteer-based organization promoting global awareness and friendship between UM’s international students and the greater Missoula community; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and Kumamoto Prefecture in Japan have a sister state relationship and Missoula has two international sister cities, one in Palmerston North, New Zealand and one in Neckargemund, Germany.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John Engen, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, hereby recognize the week of April 3 – 7, 2017 as:

INTERNATIONAL WEEK

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 3rd day of April, in the year two thousand seventeen.

John Engen, Mayor