



*The Office of the Mayor*  
**PROCLAMATION**

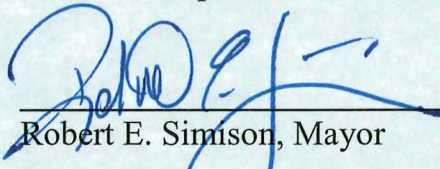
- WHEREAS,** more than 186,000 osteopathic physicians (DOs) and osteopathic medical students bring their distinctive approach to providing health care for millions of patients across the U.S.; and,
- WHEREAS,** DOs practice in every medical field and specialty, combining medical expertise with a whole-person approach centered on listening to and partnering with their patients; and,
- WHEREAS,** more than 11% of all physicians in the U.S., and more than 25% of all U.S. medical students are DOs who have chosen to practice osteopathic medicine and have made tremendous contributions to the American health care system; and
- WHEREAS,** osteopathic medicine was founded by Andrew Taylor Still, MD, DO, more than 130 years ago and Idaho's roughly 1,000 DOs are dedicated to improving the health of their communities through patient-centered care focused on treating the body, mind and spirit; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Meridian is proud to have Idaho's first and only osteopathic medical school in our community.

**THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, do hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2024 as

***National Osteopathic Medicine Week***

in the City of Meridian and encourage all citizens to and community organizations to support this observance by helping to educate members of the public about DOs and osteopathic medicine.

*Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024*

  
Robert E. Simison, Mayor

- Joe Borton, City Council President
- Liz Strader, City Council Vice-President
- Luke Cavener, City Council
- John Overton, City Council
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