



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** there are approximately 1200 Idaho children in foster care and in 2025, five percent of the children in Idaho foster care will age out every year; and,
- WHEREAS,** “aging-out” describes the time when foster children in Idaho reaching the age of 18 will leave the system of formal care and face the transition to independent living as legal adults; and,
- WHEREAS,** many foster children who age out don’t have the skills and support necessary for transitioning to productive adulthood; and,
- WHEREAS,** all aging-out youth should have the opportunity to transition into a society that understands their adversity and supports them in becoming loving adult; and,
- WHEREAS,** a successful transition for aging-out youth requires a community of supporters, mentors and friends who will assist these youth in securing safe and stable housing and transportation, furthering education, finding employment, learning life skills and building healthy relationships.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor Robert Simison, proclaim March 2026 as

Aging-Out Awareness Month

in Meridian, Idaho and urge all citizens to learn more about the adversities faced by aging-out youth, to spread knowledge about these youths and to volunteer or partner with local organizations that provide education, housing, employment support, mentoring or other programs for aging-out youth.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Simison".

Robert E. Simison, Mayor



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