



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** On April 29, 1980, Department of Public Safety officers and members of the community in Phoenix, Arizona, came together to grant the wish of Chris Greicius, a 7-year-old boy battling leukemia who wished to be a police officer; and,
- WHEREAS,** Chris' wish inspired six of the people involved to form a foundation that would grant life-changing wishes for other children with critical illnesses. The organization known as Make-A-Wish® has since granted more than 520,000 wishes worldwide, operating in every community in the U.S. and in nearly 50 countries worldwide; and,
- WHEREAS,** Make-A-Wish Idaho was founded in 1986 and has granted more than 2,000 wishes that deliver hope and joy back into the lives of children with critical illnesses in Idaho; and,
- WHEREAS,** Research has shown that wishes can improve a child's quality of life and produce better health outcomes. When a wish is granted, a child replaces fear with confidence, anxiety with hope and sadness with joy; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Meridian is celebrating World Wish Month in recognition of the anniversary of Chris Greicius' wish that inspired the founding of Make-A-Wish, and subsequently, Make-A-Wish Idaho and the global wish-granting movement.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, do hereby proclaim April 2024 as

World Wish Month

in the City of Meridian and encourage all citizens to celebrate World Wish Month and applaud the good work that Make-A-Wish Idaho has provided and will continue to provide for our community

Dated this 16th day of April, 2024

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Simison", written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

Luke Cavener, City Council President
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