

## The Office of the Mayor PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Idaho has been a dedicated advocate for the youth of Meridian for 45 years, providing one-to-one mentoring relationships that help young people overcome challenges and reach their full potential; and,

Whereas, the mentors, known as Bigs, give their time, energy, and heart to guide, support, and encourage the children they mentor, fostering self-confidence, academic success, and emotional well-being; and,

Whereas, through mentorship, Big Brothers Big Sisters has positively impacted the lives of countless youth in Meridian, helping to empower youth to overcome adversity, experience positive relationships, and become more resilient individuals; and,

Whereas, National Mentoring Month is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the invaluable role that mentors play in shaping the future of our youth, and to encourage more members of our community to become involved in mentoring through Big Brothers Big Sisters; and,

Whereas, the City of Meridian joins in this national effort to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Idaho to encourage mentoring to help our communities thrive.

Therefore, I Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim January 2025 as

## National Mentoring Month

in the City of Meridian and call upon the citizens to join Big Brothers Big Sisters of Idaho in the pursuit of improving the lives of young people in our community through mentoring.

Dated this 7th day of January, 2025

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

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