



The Office of the Mayor

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** 2021 marks the 56th anniversary of pickleball, and in their 2020 Pickleball Participant Report, the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) reported pickleball currently had **3.46 million** players in the US; and,
- WHEREAS,** the City of Median has 26 Pickleball courts in our community with future plans to add another 12 in the next few years and it is estimated that every US state and all Canadian provinces now have pickleball venues including Senior residence communities, YMCAs, local community recreation centers, schools and parks; and,
- WHEE6AS,** the USA Pickleball Association was formed in 2005 to promote the sport, and maintains the official rules, sanctions tournaments, provides player rankings and produces the annual USA Pickleball National Championships Tournament; and,
- WHEREAS,** the 2021 Pacific Northwest Regional Championship will be held at Settlers Park in the City of Meridian as the main event site hosting nearly 1,000 players and over 1,000 guests traveling from more than 30 US states; and,
- WHEREAS,** this event will have significant economic impact in Meridian and throughout the Treasure Valley through partnerships with the Meridian Chamber of Commerce and local Idaho businesses.
- THEREFORE,** I, Mayor Robert E. Simison, hereby proclaim June 2021 to be

USA Pickleball Championship Month

in the City of Meridian and encourage all citizens to learn more about this fast-growing sport, come out to watch this historic event and to seriously consider becoming a Pickleball player and begin take advantage of the health, exercise and social benefits of the sport.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2021.

A blue ink signature of Robert E. Simison, Mayor, written over a horizontal line.

Robert E. Simison, Mayor

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