

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana is facing a persistent drought affecting 60 percent of the state and nearly 523,000 Montanans; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions affect Montana's farmers and ranchers, result in low water levels on rivers and other waterways, and can contribute to severe wildfire; and

WHEREAS, this year, Montana has seen 498 wildfires burning 15,980 acres with a majority being human-caused; and

WHEREAS, for 250 years, Americans have lifted prayers up to God to seek guidance through challenges in their lives; and

WHEREAS, President George Washington stated in 1789, "it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God"; and

WHEREAS, I ask all Montanans who are faithful to come to God with thanks and use prayer as the strongest tool to ask for rain;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2026

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR RAIN

throughout the great state of Montana.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor