

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, the series of wars and conflicts in which our nation has engaged in over time, since World War II, has resulted in around 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings, and friends, caring for those wounded, ill, or injured who have served our nation; and

WHEREAS, the daily tasks and duties of these military and veteran caregivers not only includes special care and unique emotional support for our wounded warriors, but also regular household duties like caring for the family and the home and working outside the home to earn essential income; and

WHEREAS, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill, and injured veterans and service members through public, private, and philanthropic resources but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and

WHEREAS, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply showing unconditional love or as carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, categorized as caregivers, yet do not identify themselves as such; and

WHEREAS, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical, and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim Montana to be named a

HIDDEN HEROES STATE

to recognize and support those who are serving in vital roles in our own communities.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor