

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR) Syndrome is characterized by the absence of the radius bone in each forearm and a shortage or deficiency of platelets; and

WHEREAS, this platelet deficiency, known as thrombocytopenia, usually appears during infancy and becomes less severe over time, in some cases the platelet levels become normal; and

WHEREAS, TAR Syndrome prevents normal blood clotting, resulting in easy bruising and frequent nosebleeds, and potentially life-threatening episodes of severe bleeding or hemorrhaging in the brain and other organs, especially during the first year of life; and

WHEREAS, hemorrhages can damage the brain and lead to intellectual disability; and

WHEREAS, the severity of skeletal problems in TAR Syndrome almost always results in the radius missing in both arms, the ulna underdeveloped or absent in one or both arms, webbed or fused fingers, curved pinky fingers, and other skeletal abnormalities impacting the upper arms, legs, or hip sockets;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana do hereby proclaim April as

TAR SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana in honor of Montanans and their families impacted by TAR Syndrome.



GREG GIANFORTE
Governor