

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, autism spectrum disorder affects about 1 in 54 children and 1 in 45 adults in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, autism can cause challenges with verbal and nonverbal communication, social interaction, and repetitive behaviors, and affect anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, autism is often accompanied by medical conditions that impact quality of life; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis and intervention tailored to individual needs can have lifelong benefits, easing the transition to adulthood and fostering greater independence; and

WHEREAS, each person and family affected by autism should have access to reliable information and supports, and autistic people should have opportunities to reach their greatest potential and the whole of society stands to benefit from this; and

WHEREAS, the state of Montana is honored to take part in the annual observance of World Autism Month and World Autism Awareness Day to address the diverse needs of individuals with autism and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor, do hereby proclaim April 2021 and April 2, 2021 to be

WORLD AUTISM MONTH and WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to create a kinder, more inclusive world for people with autism spectrum disorder.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor