

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, wildfires can pose an extreme threat to our communities, critical infrastructure, and millions of acres of forestland and grassland across Montana; and

WHEREAS, Montana's wildfire seasons have become longer and more severe and the need for active forest management is evident; and

WHEREAS, Montana is committed to utilizing all tools available to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk across the state, as actively managing our forests improves wildlife habitat, increases recreational opportunities, protects watersheds, and supports Montana's forest products industry; and

WHEREAS, most wildfires in Montana are human-caused, costing taxpayers millions of dollars and placing citizens, our first responders, private property, and natural resources at great risk; and

WHEREAS, fire adapted communities keep Montanans safe and reduce the burden on firefighting resources, and mitigation actions can reduce wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, the local, state, federal, and tribal wildfire protection agencies of Montana, in partnership with other fire prevention and mitigation organizations, are working together to increase awareness of wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 2021 to be

WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana and encourage all citizens to use the observance of Wildfire Awareness Month to take steps to better prepare their home and communities for wildfires and work toward becoming fire adapted.


GREG GIANFORTE
Governor