

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, X-Linked Hypophosphatemia (XLH) is a whole-body, whole-life rare genetic disorder that affects one in 20,000 individuals from birth through their childhood and adulthood, affecting the patient's bones, joints, hearing, and muscle or nervous systems; and

WHEREAS, the diseases cause serious, debilitating symptoms that not only have a major impact on the lives of those suffering from XLH, but also their families, and hardships outside the disease itself include difficulty in obtaining accurate and timely diagnoses, finding effective treatment options, and being unable to afford the appropriate treatment; and

WHEREAS, while XLH is currently an incurable disease, dedicated researchers around the world continue their efforts to understand how genetic mutations work with the hope that a cure will be found one day; and

WHEREAS, educational programs must be public and current so that new parents and health providers can have access to the most up-to-date information;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 23, 2021 to be

XLH AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to bring awareness to individuals suffering from XLH and their families.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor