

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, our military servicemembers put their lives on the line every day for their fellow Americans, with some returning home bearing visible marks of their service and others bearing invisible wounds, like post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); and*

*WHEREAS, in addition to military men and women, nearly 70% of Americans have experienced a traumatic event severe enough to trigger PTSD, and roughly 20% of those exposed to a traumatic event will develop PTSD; and*

*WHEREAS, resources to prevent such fallout as suicide brought on by severe PTSD are available through local nonprofits, the National Suicide Hotline, and veterans' organizations; and*

*WHEREAS, PTSD Awareness Day is observed nationally on the anniversary of SSgt. Joe Biel's birthday, who was a victim of suicide brought on by his own case of severe PTSD after returning home from active duty;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2021 to be*

### **PTSD AWARENESS DAY**

in Montana to bring awareness to veterans, servicemembers, and neighbors suffering from PTSD.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
**Governor**