

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month is a time to recognize the children and families affected by childhood cancers and to emphasize the importance of supporting research on these devastating conditions; and*

*WHEREAS, each year nearly 16,000 children are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., with approximately one in 285 children being diagnosed with cancer before their twentieth birthday, and every three minutes globally, a family must hear the heart-wrenching words, "Your child has cancer."; and*

*WHEREAS, with time and technology, survival and quality of life for childhood cancer patients is improving each year, but there is much more progress to be made to overcome childhood cancer; and*

*WHEREAS, the causes of childhood cancer are largely unknown and more studies are needed to understand how to best treat our children; and*

*WHEREAS, there are many children in Montana who are currently fighting their own battles against cancer, and Montanans can show their support for these children and their families by wearing a gold ribbon;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as*

### **CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana to honor children currently battling cancer and their families, survivors of childhood cancer, children who lost their lives to cancer, and medical professionals and researchers treating and working to end childhood cancer.

**GREG GIANFORTE**

**Governor**