

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, giving blood can mean giving someone a second chance at life; and*

*WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a critical public health issue, both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply to perform surgeries and treat cancer, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries; and*

*WHEREAS, a single blood donation can help up to three patients and every drop of eligible blood goes toward saving lives and helping families and loved ones stay together; and*

*WHEREAS, many organizations in Montana are committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including Vitalant, the American Red Cross, BioLife, and many more; and*

*WHEREAS, Blood Donation Week reminds us that we need to constantly replenish our blood supply through donation and continue raising community awareness to help our neighbors in need;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 1-7, 2021 to be*

### **BLOOD DONATION WEEK**

in Montana to highlight the importance of supporting our local blood drives to save lives.



**GREG GIANFORTE**  
**Governor**