

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana highway crashes occur year-round, especially during the winter snow storm season, often leading to secondary crash incidents, blocked highways, and impeded business and commuter traffic; and

WHEREAS, dedicated first responders to those crashes, including law enforcement, fire, and ambulance, and towing and recovery personnel, risk their lives to care for victims and assist motorists on busy highways; and

WHEREAS, threats to first responders can be mitigated by individuals who are approaching the scene of the accident slowing down and moving over; and

WHEREAS, the Move Over law, signed in April, strengthens penalties for those who don't slow their speed by 20 miles per hour and change lanes; and

WHEREAS, Crash Responder Safety Week recognizes first responders to roadside incidents and the work they do to protect Montanans traveling on our roads and highways;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim November 8-14, 2021 to be

CRASH RESPONDER SAFETY WEEK

in Montana to recognize the importance of slowing down and moving over for first responders while traveling on Montana's roads and highways.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor