

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, 45,000 Montana youth will experience the loss of a parent or sibling before their 25th birthday; and

WHEREAS, many individuals feel misunderstood in the wake of loss, thinking that their grief is invisible to those around them; and

WHEREAS, bereaved youth need advocates supporting them, and effective grief support helps mitigate negative outcomes by fostering positive coping mechanisms and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Children's Grief Awareness Day helps build a foundation of support for grieving youth, strengthening a national community of bereaved individuals through service organizations and community members; and

WHEREAS, Montanans are committed to always helping their neighbors and supporting one another;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2021 to be

CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to raise awareness of children within our communities struggling with the loss of a family member and ensure that no child grieves alone.



GREG GIANFORTE
Governor