

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to experience symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death in adults due to strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and*

*WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, which results in buildup of lipids in the body, causing cell and organ damage; and*

*WHEREAS, there are two approved treatments available, but because the disease is severely under-diagnosed, many people live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and*

*WHEREAS, newborn screening has now been increased in several countries; and*

*WHEREAS, health care providers and families should be aware of the many Fabry Disease symptoms and, if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby declare April 2022*

## **FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana to increase awareness of Fabry Disease and support those suffering from it.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor