

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, the fourth largest state in the country, Montana is home to millions of acres of rangeland with unparalleled sunrises and sunsets; and*

*WHEREAS, the diverse ecology of rangeland provides a unique way of life for thousands of Montanans; and*

*WHEREAS, rangeland provides recreational opportunities for Montanans and millions more, such as hunting and fishing, generating significant revenue for our economy and rangeland communities; and*

*WHEREAS, rangeland sequesters more than 20 percent of the world's terrestrial carbon, and provides erosion control and nutrient cycling; and*

*WHEREAS, rangeland supports many different types of wildlife and provides forage to support Montana's \$1.5 billion livestock industry as it provides a relatively low-input option for raising livestock; and*

*WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers have been stewards of the land for generations, as the sustainability of rangeland is vital for the future of agriculture;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 2022*

### **RANGELAND APPRECIATION MONTH**

in Montana to recognize rangeland conservationists and to encourage all Montanans to be stewards of our treasured rangelands.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor