

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, the Yellowstone River is one of Montana's most important natural resources, providing habitat to native fish and other aquatic species, irrigation for Montana farmers, and recreational opportunities for Montana families and visitors to our state; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project was authorized in 1904 to provide dependable water supply to irrigate more than 59,000 acres along the Yellowstone River in Montana and North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation project, along with its federal partners, are committed to protecting the Pallid sturgeon, while protecting the existing water supply and economies for the surrounding communities dependent on the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim July 26th, 2022 as

THE OPENING OF THE YELLOWSTONE INTAKE DIVERSION DAM FISH PASSAGE PROJECT

in Montana to recognize the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project's contribution in supporting farming communities while ensuring aquatic species in the Yellowstone River can thrive.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor