

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, researchers estimate that about 1 in every 1,953 babies are born each year in the United States with gastroschisis; and*

*WHEREAS, many Americans living with gastroschisis have serious and debilitating conditions which significantly impact their lives including slow growth, short bowel syndrome, multiple organ transplants, and long term feeding issues; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals and families affected by gastroschisis often experience problems such as a sense of isolation, difficulty obtaining an accurate and timely diagnosis, few treatment options, and accessing reimbursement for treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, the cause of gastroschisis is relatively unknown, leaving patients and their families to bear a large share of the burden for treatment and raising funds for research; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana residents are among those affected by gastroschisis;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim July 30, 2022*

### **GASTROSCHISIS AWARENESS DAY**

in Montana to raise awareness and support for those impacted by Gastroschisis.

  

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor