

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 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; and

WHEREAS, farmers and ranchers have stewarded their land for generations, recognizing 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 2023

RANGELAND APPRECIATION MONTH

in Montana to recognize rangeland conservationists and to encourage all Montanans to steward our treasured rangelands.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor