

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



**WHEREAS**, more than 300,000 Americans live with some type of scleroderma, a chronic connective tissue disease generally classified as an autoimmune disease; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are critically important to achieving positive patient outcomes; and

**WHEREAS**, more research and increased education and community support services are needed to address the complex health needs of people with this life threatening disease, and to achieve more treatments and a cure; and

**WHEREAS**, through public awareness, Montana seeks to advocate for the needs of people with scleroderma and the continued improvement of services for patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, Montanans are encouraged to wear teal in June in support of scleroderma awareness;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 2023**

### **SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana to support Montanans living with scleroderma.

**GREG GIANFORTE**

**Governor**