

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, giving blood can mean giving someone a second chance at life; and*

*WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals and medical centers need a readily available supply for our residents and visitors; and*

*WHEREAS, one blood donation can help save more than one life, and although most of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood, only about 3% actually do; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana is home to many organizations committed to raising awareness about the importance of blood donation, including Vitalant, the American Red Cross, and more; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana Blood Donation Day is a reminder of the importance of replenishing blood supply through donation and community awareness to help Montanans in need;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 4, 2023*

### **MONTANA BLOOD DONATION DAY**

to encourage Montanans who are able to make a life-saving blood donation.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor