

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, nutritional status is a direct measure of an individual's health, and good nutrition can keep people healthy; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition is a serious condition that occurs when one's diet does not contain the proper amount of nutrients, and is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations including hospitalized patients, the elderly, and minority populations; and

WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and

WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to complications including falls and readmissions, and contribute to cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity and an impacted quality of life; and

WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 19-23, 2023,

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

to increase awareness of the role of good nutrition in patient recovery in Montana

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor