

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, it is impossible to tell the story of Montana without the many contributions of the twelve tribes and eight tribal nations in Montana; and*

*WHEREAS, in 1997, the Montana Legislature designated the fourth Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day, when schools are to conduct "appropriate exercises during the school day" to commemorate the occasion (MCA 20-1-306); and*

*WHEREAS, in 2009, the Montana Legislature designated the last Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day for the state of Montana for all Montanans to reflect on and celebrate American Indian culture and heritage (MCA 1-1-228); and*

*WHEREAS, while these are days of great celebration, our commitment to celebrating and preserving American Indian culture and heritage isn't limited to this occasion; and*

*WHEREAS, in the 2023 calendar year, the fourth and last Fridays in September – designated as American Indian Heritage Day – fall on two separate days;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 22nd and 29th*

### **AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY**

in Montana to encourage all Montanans to celebrate and honor the unique culture and heritage of our tribal neighbors.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor