

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, Montana's forestland is one of our most important natural resources and plays an important role in defining our way of life and driving our economy; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana faces a forest health crisis, with over nine million acres of forestland having significant forest health issues and an elevated risk of wildfire; and*

*WHEREAS, we must work together to actively and meaningfully manage our lands to improve forest health and reduce wildfire risk across the state; and*

*WHEREAS, the benefits of active forest management are clear: healthier forests, improved wildlife habitat, enhanced recreational opportunities, more good-paying jobs, and less severe wildfires; and*

*WHEREAS, the hardworking men and women in the forest products industry are good stewards of our abundant forested resources who actively manage our forests, grow the economy, create good-paying jobs, and make our forests healthier and more resilient;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 2023,*

### **MONTANA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK**

to promote the forest products industry and recognize its many contributions to Montana.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor