

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, one in twelve Montana children will experience the death of a parent or sibling by age 18; and*

*WHEREAS, many individuals feel misunderstood in the wake of loss, thinking that their grief is invisible to those around them; and*

*WHEREAS, bereaved youth need advocates, supporting them as they navigate a world without their family member; and*

*WHEREAS, effective grief support can help mitigate negative outcomes of grief by fostering positive coping mechanisms and resiliency; and*

*WHEREAS, this month serves to build a foundation of support for grieving youth, strengthening a national community by bereaved individuals, support service organizations, and community members; and*

*WHEREAS, Montanans are committed to supporting their neighbors, including by ensuring no child grieves alone;*

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

### **CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY**

in Montana to raise awareness of grieving children within our communities and ensure no child grieves alone.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor