

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, about 10 percent of Montana's population is made up of veterans; and

WHEREAS, small business firms owned by veterans nationwide employed 5.03 million people, had an estimated annual payroll of \$195 billion, receipts of \$1 trillion, and represent around 9.1 percent of all U.S. businesses; and

WHEREAS, many veterans retire from active service and go on to establish businesses that provide services to Americans; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial to empower the public to invest in the veteran population through veteran-owned business sustainment, educational development, and mental health empowerment; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana has enacted numerous policies to invest in and support veterans; and

WHEREAS, National Invest in Veterans Week is celebrated from March 1 to March 7 every year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of March 1-7, 2024

INVEST IN VETERANS WEEK

in Montana to support veterans nationwide.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor