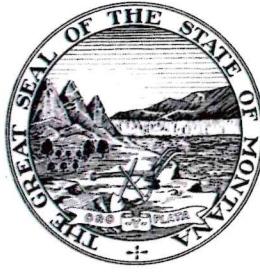


STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is a progressive, destructive, inherited disorder that causes children and adults to experience symptoms that diminish their quality of life and may lead to premature death due to strokes, kidney failure, and heart failure; and

WHEREAS, Fabry Disease is caused by deficient activity of the lysosomal enzyme alpha-galactosidase A, which results in buildup of lipids in the body, causing cell and organ damage; and

WHEREAS, the disease is severely under-diagnosed and many people live without an accurate diagnosis or opportunity for treatment until after irreversible organ damage occurs; and

WHEREAS, the newborn screenings and access to the two approved treatments can help identify and treat Fabry Disease; and

WHEREAS, health care providers and families should familiarize themselves with the symptoms of Fabry Disease and, if warranted, obtain a GLA gene test that can definitively assess the presence of this treatable disorder;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2024

FABRY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to increase awareness of Fabry Disease and support those suffering from it.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor