

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana's future depends on the healthy development of our children; and

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect are serious public health issues, leading to a range of long-term medical, emotional, psychological, and behavioral issues; and

WHEREAS, we must prioritize working as a community to prevent child abuse and neglect, and statewide and community prevention programs are proven, effective ways to reduce child maltreatment; and

WHEREAS, critical partnerships between child welfare professionals, education, health, community, and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families help child abuse prevention efforts succeed; and

WHEREAS, the best-equipped parents and caregivers have support systems of families and friends, know where to find public resources, and remain resilient in challenging times to provide safe, nurturing environments for children;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 2024 and the week of April 6-12, 2024

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES MONTH and WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

in Montana to encourage all citizens to support and invest in early childhood.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor