

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, as many as 33 million Americans have food allergies; nearly 6 million are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the United States, and they are shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat and sesame; and

WHEREAS, symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis; and

WHEREAS, anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and may cause death; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by 377 percent in only a decade; and

WHEREAS, the Food Allergy Research & Education is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 12-18, 2024

FOOD ALLERGY AWARENESS WEEK

in Montana to increase understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor