

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Tarlov Cyst Disease is classified as a rare disease where cerebrospinal fluid-filled sacs form in the nerve roots near the base of the spine, however these cysts can be present along any part of the spine; and

WHEREAS, Tarlov cysts may be known to be asymptomatic, but many cysts may still cause bone erosion, radicular pain, weakness, and neurologic dysfunction including bowel or bladder changes. When symptomatic, Tarlov cysts can be progressive, extremely painful and debilitating, and can often limit the patient's ability to walk, sit or stand; and

WHEREAS, this disease and its symptoms vary widely depending on the severity of each case, and treatment generally focuses on controlling symptoms, with some patients finding long term relief through surgical intervention; and

WHEREAS, the need for research on the origins of the disease, non-invasive treatments, and the continued support of neurosurgical procedures is imperative; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 16, 2024

TARLOV CYST DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to encourage better care and awareness for this disease.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor