

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana has the third highest number of children in foster care per capita in the United States, with more than 2,100 children in our foster care system, and 375,000 children in foster care across the nation; and

WHEREAS, foster children have often tragically experienced neglect and abuse, and deserve to be raised in a safe, nurturing environment that promotes their health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, foster parents accept this important responsibility, welcoming foster children into their homes as they do their own, while still supporting family unification when possible; and

WHEREAS, working as a community to prevent child neglect and abuse and reduce the number of Montana children in foster care must be a priority to support the physical, emotional, social, and educational wellbeing of all children;

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

FOSTER CARE MONTH

in Montana to support the children and parents in Montana's foster care system.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor