

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, the Jewish people have played a central role in the creation, growth, freedom, prosperity, and strength of the United States of America; and*

*WHEREAS, the biblical and contemporary history of the Jewish people and the enduring values of the Jewish faith were sources of inspiration for the founding of the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, Jewish citizens of Montana, having first settled here in the early 1860s, played an important role in the early mining communities that became a core aspect of Montana's history; and*

*WHEREAS, the United States became a refuge for many Jews amid the horror of the Holocaust; and*

*WHEREAS, Jewish-Americans have made significant contributions to the arts, entertainment, science and technology, government, business, and culinary traditions in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, antisemitism has risen dramatically in recent years, especially in the aftermath of the attack on Israel by brutal Hamas terrorists on October 7, 2023; and*

*WHEREAS, Jewish-American hostages remain in the custody of Hamas; and*

*WHEREAS, the state of Montana condemns the antisemitic and pro-Hamas protests occurring on college and university campuses across the nation;*

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

### **JEWISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH**

in Montana to celebrate the contributions of Jewish-Americans.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor