

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, America's small businesses are the foundation of our economy and embody the nation's innovative spirit, creating opportunities to drive our global competitiveness; and*

*WHEREAS, small businesses have fueled the nation's economic growth, becoming the heartbeat of our communities; and*

*WHEREAS, employing more than half of our nation's workers, small businesses have pioneered new technologies and are creating new American-led industries; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana is second in the national ranking of small businesses, with around 94 percent of those businesses employing fewer than 50 workers; and*

*WHEREAS, businesses with under 50 employees provide jobs to 45 percent of Montana workers, creating numerous opportunities for families and individuals to live and make a living; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana workers are resilient, determined, and motivated to pursue the American dream;*

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

### **SMALL BUSINESS MONTH**

in Montana to recognize the impact that small businesses and their employees have created.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Greg Gianforte". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor