## STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, more than 300,000 Americans live with some type of scleroderma, a chronic connective tissue disease generally classified as an autoimmune disease; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive and coordinated health services for people with scleroderma are critically important to achieving positive patient outcomes; and

WHEREAS, more research and increased education and community support services are needed to address the complex health needs of people with this life-threatening disease, and to achieve more treatments and a cure; and

WHEREAS, through public awareness, Montana seeks to advocate for the needs of people with scleroderma and the continued improvement of services for patients and their families; and

WHEREAS, Montanans are encouraged to wear teal in June in support of scleroderma awareness;

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

## SCLERODERMA AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to promote awareness for those with Scleroderma

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor