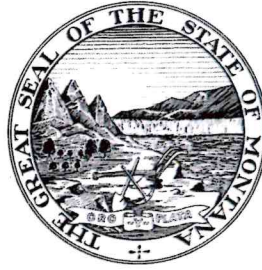


STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana's wildland firefighters take on exceedingly dangerous work, preserving millions of acres of private, state, and federal lands that we know and call home; and

WHEREAS, wildland firefighters protect our environment, communities, natural resources, recreation areas, and agriculture industry, each of which is a key part our state's identity; and

WHEREAS, wildland firefighters persevere through extreme conditions for days and even weeks at a time, living and working in the midst of flames, heat, and smoke; and

WHEREAS, these heroes continue to respond to the constant demands of severe fire seasons that are increasing across the West; and

WHEREAS, Montana wildland firefighters fought fires on more than 115,000 acres under Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation protection in 2023; and

WHEREAS, without this strong and skilled workforce in Montana, we would not be able to combat the continued threat of wildland fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim July 2, 2024

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER DAY

in Montana and encourage the citizens of Montana to recognize the work of Montana's firefighters.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor