

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, Montana's hydropower sector plays a crucial role in our energy infrastructure, electrical grid resiliency, and affordable baseload power; and*

*WHEREAS, hydropower accounts for 30 percent of Montana's total energy generation, powering more than 800,000 homes across our state; and*

*WHEREAS, hydropower is a cost-effective energy source that enables Montana to maintain competitive electricity rates, which helps foster economic growth and enhance the quality of life; and*

*WHEREAS, hydropower can be adjusted in real time to complement Montana's diverse energy portfolio by providing the flexibility needed to maintain reliability, enhance grid security, and meet the growing demand for energy; and*

*WHEREAS, hydropower also enhances Montana's economic resilience by providing critical flood control and reliable irrigation for agriculture throughout the state; and*

*WHEREAS, the hydropower industry depends upon a trained workforce to deliver reliable energy services to Montana communities, and employs many Montanans across the state; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim August 24, 2024*

### **HYDROPOWER DAY**

in Montana to recognize the importance of hydropower to our state

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor