

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, it is impossible to tell the story of Montana without the many contributions of the twelve tribes and eight tribal nations in Montana; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Montana Legislature designated the fourth Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day, when schools are to conduct "appropriate exercises during the school day" to commemorate the occasion (MCA 20-1-306); and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Montana Legislature designated the last Friday in September as American Indian Heritage Day for the state of Montana for all Montanans to reflect on and celebrate American Indian culture and heritage (MCA 1-1-228); and

WHEREAS, while these are days of great celebration, our commitment to celebrating and preserving American Indian culture and heritage isn't limited to this occasion; and

WHEREAS, in the 2024 calendar year, the fourth and last Fridays in September – designated as American Indian Heritage Day – fall on the same day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 27, 2024

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE DAY

in Montana to encourage all Montanans to celebrate and honor the unique culture and heritage of our tribal neighbors.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor