

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, October 2024 marks the 79th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build community and a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana's theme for this month is "Access to Good Jobs for All," which showcases its support for employment pathways that not only benefit an individual's independence and self-sufficiency, but also the success of the communities and employers who support them; and

WHEREAS, there are about 81,600 Montanans aged 18-64 with disabilities, with 45,000 who are in the labor force and working; and

WHEREAS, long-term investments in workforce programs ensure Montanans of all abilities have the opportunity to reach their full, outstanding potential as members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Disability Employment and Transitions Office is actively working to advance the independence and employment of Montanans with disabilities;

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

NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to continue expanding opportunity and supporting independent living for people with disabilities.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor