

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, one in twelve Montana children will experience the death of parent or sibling by age 18; and

WHEREAS, many individuals feel misunderstood in the wake of loss, thinking that their grief is invisible to those around them; and

WHEREAS, bereaved youth need advocates, who support and encourage them as they navigate a world without their person; and

WHEREAS, effective grief support can help mitigate negative outcomes of grief by fostering positive coping mechanisms and resiliency; and

WHEREAS, this month serves to build a foundation of support for grieving youth, strengthening a national community of bereaved individuals, support service organizations, and community members; and

WHEREAS, Montanans are committed to supporting their neighbors, including by ensuring no child grieves alone;

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim
November 21, 2024*

CHILDREN'S GRIEF AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to raise awareness of grieving children within our communities and ensure no child grieves alone.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor