

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, we recognize and acknowledge that literacy is critical for our kids to unlock their full, outstanding potential; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that access to books at an early age is critical for the development of our children, their reading proficiency, and their future; and

WHEREAS, we recognize Dolly Parton as not only a singer, songwriter, and businesswoman, but also as a humanitarian and philanthropist as the founder of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, Dolly established the nonprofit in 1995 to instill the love of reading around the world by mailing one free, age-appropriate book to registered children ages zero to five every month; and

WHEREAS, Montana's First Lady Susan Gianforte established the statewide expansion of the Imagination Library of Montana to get free books in the hands of Montana children in all 56 counties; and

WHEREAS, today, more than 25,000 children in Montana receive their free book through the program each month,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim
December 3, 2024



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY DAY

in Montana to encourage all children under the age of five to sign up at imaginationlibrary.com.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor