

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, our veterans have made tremendous sacrifices in service to our nation, and their commitment to defending our freedoms and values deserves our deepest respect and appreciation; and*

*WHEREAS, Montana is home to the highest per capita veteran population in the nation; and*

*WHEREAS, veterans own nearly 6% of the nation's 5.68 million businesses, totaling over 304,000 veteran-owned businesses, which significantly contribute to the U.S. economy and create good-paying jobs; and*

*WHEREAS, the growth and success of veteran-owned businesses are vital to strengthening our economy and empowering veterans to continue their leadership and entrepreneurship after service; and*

*WHEREAS, providing veterans with access to quality education, vocational training, and professional development opportunities is essential to fostering a pathway for them to thrive in civilian life; and*

*WHEREAS, ensuring mental health support and resources for veterans is essential to their well-being, as it empowers them to overcome challenges, heal from trauma, and live fulfilling lives; and*

*WHEREAS, we encourage all Montanans to support veteran-owned businesses in their communities and thank them for the valuable contributions of our veterans;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim the week of March 1-7, 2025*

### **INVEST IN VETERANS WEEK**

in Montana to support veterans and their investment in our communities.



**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor