

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporation (USSVI) was established on May 22, 1964; and*

*WHEREAS, one of the first actions of USSVI was to ask each of the 50 states to honor the 52 World War II submarines that went "on eternal patrol" and never returned from duty during the war; and*

*WHEREAS, the On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef, the first and only underwater submarine memorial in the world, was established to commemorate each of the 64 submarines lost before, during, and after World War II; and*

*WHEREAS, the State of Montana honors the USS Pickerel (SS-177), which was lost with 73 crew members on April 3, 1943;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 3, 2025*

### **USS PICKEREL (SS-177) REMEMBRANCE DAY**

in Montana to honor the memory of all those aboard the USS Pickerel, and to commend the efforts of the On Eternal Patrol Memorial Reef to establish and maintain the underwater memorial.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Greg Gianforte".

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor