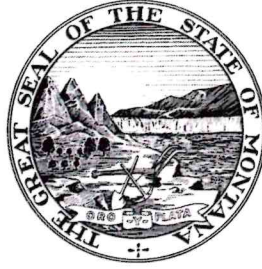


# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, animal shelters across Montana work tirelessly to save and care for dogs and cats in need, striving to ensure that every healthy or treatable animal finds a loving home; and*

*WHEREAS, a commitment to adoption and responsible pet ownership helps Montana's shelters achieve a lifesaving standard, with at least 90 percent of shelter animals leaving facilities alive; and*

*WHEREAS, increasing adoptions from shelters and rescues rather than purchasing from breeders or pet stores will further help Montana's efforts to provide every animal with a loving home; and*

*WHEREAS, thousands of loving and healthy animals are currently waiting in Montana shelters and rescues, and many organizations implement proven strategies to place companion animals in home with Montanans; and*

*WHEREAS, adopting a pet from a shelter strengthens communities, eases the strain on shelters, and promotes compassion and responsible pet ownership across Montana;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 9, 2025*

### **MONTANA LOVES SHELTER ANIMALS DAY**

in Montana and encourage all Montanans to consider adopting from shelters and rescues, supporting their vital work, and giving every animal the opportunity for a loving home.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor