STATE OF MONTANA

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, *native plants are indigenous species that have evolved alongside native wildlife and occur naturally in a particular geographic region, ecosystem, and habitat; and*

WHEREAS, *native plants are essential for healthy, diverse, and sustainable ecosystems and are critical for cleaning air, filtering water, and stabilizing soils; and*

WHEREAS, *native plants are well-adapted to Montana's soils, temperatures, precipitation, and environmental conditions, making them the best option for conserving and protecting our environments; and*

WHEREAS, *Montana is home to more than 2,500 native plant species which include large shade trees, shrubs, perennials, vines, grasses, and wildflowers; and*

WHEREAS, *it is important to increase public awareness about the benefits of Montana's native plants to pollinators and other wildlife, to the economy, and to the health of sustainability of Montana's ecosystems;*

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

MONTANA NATIVE PLANT MONTH

to recognize the importance of native plants to Montana as a source of food for pollinators and native wildlife.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor