

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, cystic fibrosis (CF) is a life-threatening genetic disease affecting approximately 30,000 children and adults in the United States and nearly 70,000 people worldwide, including more than 350 Montanans; and

WHEREAS, CF is caused by a defective gene that leads the body to produce unusually thick and sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to persistent infections, and obstruct the pancreas, preventing digestive enzymes from reaching the intestines; and

WHEREAS, more than 10 million Americans are symptomless carriers of the defective CF gene, and CF occurs in approximately one of every 3,500 live births in the United States; and

WHEREAS, advances in treatment have significantly improved the quality of life and life expectancy for individuals with CF, raising the current median age of survival to 41.1 years; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 percent of individuals living with CF are now adults, and approximately 1,000 new cases are diagnosed each year, with symptoms varying widely due to more than 1,800 known mutations of the CF gene;

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

CYSTIC FIBROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

to raise awareness about the disease.

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

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor