## STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, America's small businesses are the foundation of our economy and embody the nation's innovative spirit, creating opportunities to drive our global competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, small businesses have fueled the nation's economic growth, becoming the heartbeat of our communities; and

WHEREAS, employing more than half of our nation's workers, small businesses have pioneered new technologies and are creating new American-led industries; and

**WHEREAS**, Montana is second in the national ranking of small businesses, with around 94 percent of those businesses employing fewer than 50 workers; and

**WHEREAS**, businesses with under 50 employees provide jobs to 45 percent of Montana workers, creating numerous opportunities for families and individuals to live and make a living; and

WHEREAS, Montana workers are resilient, determined, and motivated to pursue the American dream;

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

## SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

in Montana to recognize the impact of small businesses and their employees on our state.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor