

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



**WHEREAS**, hunting, firearms and the shooting sports are part of Montana's history, tradition and way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing access to education and shooting sports provides opportunity to safely learn how to shoot and to responsibly increase public participation in shooting sports and hunting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department is not only responsible for the sound management and conservation of wildlife, but also teaches principles of ethical hunting, firearm safety and responsible firearm use; and

**WHEREAS**, hunting and shooting sports contributes roughly half a billion dollars to the Montana economy; and

**WHEREAS**, sportsmen and women and recreationalist dollars from license fees, a tax on sporting arms, ammunition, archery equipment and handguns, apportioned to Montana resulting in tens of millions each year in funding for wildlife conservation as well as habitat and hunter education in Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2025, organizations, businesses and others will come together to recognize National Shooting Sports Month and to spotlight shooting sports activities enjoyed by millions of Americans;

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

### **SHOOTING SPORTS MONTH**

and encourage Montanans to safely participate in hunting and shooting sports.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written over a decorative flourish.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor