STATE OF MONTANA

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, *grizzly bears are the state mammal of Montana and an iconic American species; and*

WHEREAS, *grizzly bear recovery in the Greater Yellowstone and Northern Continental Divide ecosystems is a major conservation success story; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Montana successfully translocated two grizzly bears from the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, ensuring genetic connectivity; and*

WHEREAS, *grizzly bears have reached recovery levels in the Northern Continental Divide and Greater Yellowstone ecosystems and their population is expanding in both number and distribution; and*

WHEREAS, *avoiding conflicts with grizzly bears is a vital part of managing bears in Montana; and*

WHEREAS, *Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, federal agencies, tribal governments, and partners in the conservation and agriculture community work together to help communities and landowners avoid bear conflicts and manage conflicts where they occur; and*

WHEREAS, *promoting bear awareness to minimize conflicts with grizzly bears through education and outreach is a community effort;*

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

BEAR AWARE MONTH

in Montana to encourage Montanans and visitors to live and recreate safely in bear country.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor