

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