STATE OF MONTANA

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, *the catastrophic injury or death of a parent or guardian can have a devastating emotional and financial impact on families; and*

WHEREAS, *when the injury or death resulted from a work-related accident, workers' compensation benefits are often insufficient to allow children of the worker to pursue their educational dreams; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Montana is fortunate to have Kids' Chance of Montana, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides financial scholarships to children of seriously injured workers to help them achieve their educational goals and pursue their dreams; and*

WHEREAS, *Kids' Chance of Montana has awarded scholarships to over 43 kids totaling nearly $300,000 since its inception in 2017; including $66,000 awarded in support of 19 students for the 2025/2026 school year; and*

WHEREAS, *Kids' Chance of Montana is one of many Kids' Chance organizations throughout the United States that make a significant impact in the lives of children affected by a workplace injury;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 13-17, 2025*

KIDS' CHANCE AWARENESS WEEK

in Montana to encourage support for children of seriously injured workers as they achieve their educational goals.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor