STATE OF MONTANA

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, *Montana's forestland is one of our most important natural resources and plays an important role in defining our way of life and driving our economy; and*

WHEREAS, *Montana faces a forest of health crisis, with over nine million acres of forest land in Montana that face significant forest health issues and an elevated risk of wildfire; and*

WHEREAS, *the State of Montana and its partners must work together to actively and meaningfully manage our lands to improve forest health and reduce wildfire rick across the state; and*

WHEREAS, *the recent landmark Shared Stewardship Agreement between the State of Montana and the U.S. Forest Service, will help increase the pace and scale of forest restoration through greater collaboration; and*

WHEREAS, *active forest management delivers clear benefits, including healthier forests, stronger wildlife habitat, enhanced recreational opportunities, more good-paying jobs, and less severe wildfires; and*

WHEREAS, *the hard working men and women of Montana's forest products industry are good stewards of our resources, helping manage forests responsibility, strengthen the economy, and make forests healthier and more resilient;*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 19-25, 2025*

MONTANA FOREST PRODUCTS WEEK

to promote the forest products industry and recognize its many contributions to Montana.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor