

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana Cooperatives date back to the early 1900s and continue to be a sustainable form of business, serving Montanans in every corner of the state; and

WHEREAS, Co-op Month has been a nationally recognized celebration since 1964, when U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, proclaimed October Co-op Month; and

WHEREAS, Montana Cooperatives create over 24,000 jobs across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Montana cooperatives community provides electricity, broadband, financial services, and value-added agricultural opportunities, while also sustaining essential services such as grocery stores and housing;

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

COOPERATIVE MONTH

in Montana to honor all the hard-working men and women utilizing and sustaining cooperative businesses across the State.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor