

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



***WHEREAS,** we recognize and acknowledge that literacy is critical for our kids to unlock their full, outstanding potential; and*

***WHEREAS,** we recognize that access to books at an early age is critical for the development of our children, their reading proficiency, and their future; and*

***WHEREAS,** we recognize Dolly Parton as not only a singer, songwriter, and businesswoman, but also as a humanitarian and philanthropist as the founder of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library; and*

***WHEREAS,** Dolly established the nonprofit in 1995 to install the love of reading around the world by mailing one free, age-appropriate book to registered children ages zero to five every month; and*

***WHEREAS,** Montana's First Lady Susan Gianforte established the statewide expansion of the Imagination Library of Montana to get free books in the hands of Montana children in all 56 counties; and*

***WHEREAS,** today, more than 28,000 children in Montana receive their free book through the program each month;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim December 2, 2025*

DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY DAY

in Montana to encourage all children under the age of five to sign up at imaginationlibrary.com.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor