

# STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



***WHEREAS**, the Montana State University (MSU) Bobcat football team, a source of immense pride across our state, has achieved a historic triumph by winning the 2025-2026 NCAA Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) Championship, prevailing over Illinois State 35-34 in a thrilling overtime victory on January 5, 2026; and*

***WHEREAS**, this is the first national title for the Bobcats since 1984, the first in 41 years for the program and a cause for celebration across the State of Montana; and*

***WHEREAS**, the team's drive, skill, and determination resulted in a season marked by a remarkable 14-game winning streak; and*

***WHEREAS**, thousands of fans participated in a parade and celebration in Bozeman on January 17, showcasing the pride of Bobcat Nation; and*

***WHEREAS**, the State of Montana hosted the MSU Bobcats at the State Capitol for a celebratory ceremony on January 20, 2026, to mark this historic achievement;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2026, as*

### **BOBCAT DAY**

in Montana to celebrate the MSU Bobcat football team and their national championship victory.

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

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor