

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, bleeding disorders are conditions that affect the body's ability to form a proper blood clot, often resulting in prolonged or excessive bleeding after injury or medical procedures; and

WHEREAS, these disorders, including hemophilia and von Willebrand disease, can lead to serious health complications if not properly diagnosed and treated; and

WHEREAS, von Willebrand disease alone affects an estimated one percent of the U.S. population, impacting more than 3.2 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, individuals living with bleeding disorders may face significant health challenges related to surgery, trauma, or other medical conditions if not treated effectively; and

WHEREAS, many individuals with hemophilia were infected with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s due to the contamination of the blood products, underscoring the importance of continued awareness and safe treatment practices; and

WHEREAS, March was designated Hemophilia Awareness Month by President Ronald Reagan in 1986 and there is a need for continued awareness of bleeding disorders;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim March 2026

BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to raise awareness about bleeding disorders and to support individuals and families affected by these conditions.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor