

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, soil is recognized as an essential natural resource with Montana's agricultural producers playing a critical role in managing Montana's natural resources; and*

*WHEREAS, healthy soil increases the viability of farms and ranches and the nutrient density of foods; and*

*WHEREAS, healthy soil increases the availability of water for municipalities and recreational uses as well as in-stream flows for power generation; and*

*WHEREAS, farming and ranching are vital to economic development and thriving livelihoods for Montana's rural and tribal communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture defines soil health as the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2026*

**SOIL HEALTH WEEK**

and the day of April 1, 2026

**SOIL HEALTH DAY**

in Montana to raise awareness of the importance of soil health and promote the stewardship of Montana's natural resources.

**GREG GIANFORTE**

**Governor**