

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana is home to the Blackfeet Nation, Chippewa Cree Tribe, Crow Nation, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes, Fort Belknap & Gros Ventre Tribes, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes, Little Shell Chippewa Tribe, and Northern Cheyenne Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Native Americans make up approximately 8 percent of Montana's population, but currently account for 32 percent of missing persons; and

WHEREAS, the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) has tragically impacted too many families in Montana, with Montana consistently ranking in the top states for MMIP; and

WHEREAS, MMIP cases often go unreported or can be misclassified due to a mix between lack of information and late reporting; and

WHEREAS, Montana must bring all resources to bear to track data, raise awareness, and strengthen interagency collaboration to protect Montana's indigenous persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 5, 2026

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to encourage collective action to bring an end to the MMIP crisis.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor