

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community is among the fastest growing and most diverse racial groups in the United States; and

WHEREAS, approximately 25 percent of Americans experience and are diagnosed with a mental health condition in a given year, regardless of race, ethnicity, or age; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to raise awareness about mental health, to destigmatize seeking help, and to gain access to community services; and

WHEREAS, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders use mental health services at the lowest rates among ethnic populations, likely due to the substantial stigma that exists; and

WHEREAS, there is a critical need to raise awareness about and advocate for health care policies that increase the accessibility of mental health care services; and

WHEREAS, raising awareness about the mental health of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities encourages professional interest in health and human services careers and fosters a workforce that reflects the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 10, 2026

ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MENTAL HEALTH DAY

in Montana and encourage all people in our state to join in this observance.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor