

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, boating is a beloved summer pastime for many Montanans, from the Fort Peck and Flathead Lakes to the Tongue River Reservoir, to the many bodies of water in between; and

WHEREAS, taking to our Montana lakes, reservoirs, dams, and ponds is a great way to escape the summer heat while also making memories with family, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately accidents can occur on lakes, with some of those boating accidents resulting in drownings; and

WHEREAS, wearing a lifejacket for a boat trip could save a life and the vast majority of boating accident victims were not wearing a life jacket; and

WHEREAS, educating oneself about boat safety and protocol can also save lives and promote better boating experiences overall;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 16-22, 2026

SAFE BOATING WEEK

in Montana to encourage safe and responsible boating for the upcoming summer.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor