

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, education is the pathway to a brighter and more prosperous future, and teachers help shape, educate, and prepare Montana children for lifelong success; and*

*WHEREAS, many teachers, especially in our rural districts, wear many hats and work hard every day to get young Montanans the instruction and mentorship they need; and*

*WHEREAS, to make it easier for starting teachers to begin careers in Montana, we enacted the TEACH Act in 2021 to provide incentives for school districts to increase starting teacher pay;*

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

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY**

and the week of May 4-8, 2026

### **TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

to encourage Montanans to recognize teachers for their hard work to prepare students for successful futures.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor