

# STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, Montana has made great strides to reduce the number of children in care, with 1,749 children currently in our foster care system, a 47 percent reduction since January 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, more work remains as foster children have often tragically experienced neglect and abuse, and deserve to be raised in a safe, nurturing environment that promotes their health and wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, foster parents accept this important responsibility, welcoming foster children into their homes as they do their own, while still supporting family unification when possible; and

**WHEREAS**, working as a community to prevent child neglect and abuse and reduce the number of Montana children in foster care must be a priority to support the physical, emotional, social, and educational wellbeing of all children;

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

### **FOSTER CARE MONTH**

in Montana to support the children and parents in Montana's foster care system.

  

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor