

# STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



***WHEREAS,** wildfires pose an increasing threat to Montana's communities, infrastructure, and millions of acres of forestland and grassland, with longer and more severe fire seasons; and*

***WHEREAS,** Montana is committed to utilizing all tools available to reduce wildfire risk, including actively managing our forests to improve wildlife habitat, increase recreational opportunities, and support Montana's forest products industry; and*

***WHEREAS,** through Montana's Shared Stewardship Agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, the state is working to increase the pace and scale of active forest management across priority landscapes to reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health; and*

***WHEREAS,** wildfires in Montana cost taxpayers millions of dollars and place citizens, first responders, private property, and natural resources at great risk; and*

***WHEREAS,** fire-adapted communities, mitigation efforts, and strong partnerships among local, state, federal, and tribal agencies are critical to reducing wildfire risk and increasing awareness;*

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

### **WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana and encourage all citizens to take steps to better prepare their homes and communities for wildfires.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor