

# STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



***WHEREAS**, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Declaration of Independence states that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable Rights, among them being Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness; and*

***WHEREAS**, Montana was recently recognized as the second most patriotic state in the nation; and*

***WHEREAS**, it is in the interest of all Montanans to have a deeper understanding of the timeless ideals that guided our nation's founding; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Montana 250th Commission was established by the Montana Legislature in 2023 to "promote civic engagement and increase public awareness of United States and Montana government and history, including the history of tribal nations, leading up to the United States semiquincentennial;" and*

***WHEREAS**, the Commission is holding a celebration in Helena on June 27, 2026, to begin a weeks' long effort to draw attention to the nation's birthday;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 27, 2026*

### **KICKOFF TO AMERICA'S 250th DAY**

in Montana and encourage all Montanans to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday by reading and reflecting on the Declaration of Independence and its enduring principles in the coming weeks.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor