

# STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



*WHEREAS, aphasia is an acquired language disorder that affects a person's ability to communicate through speaking, understanding language, reading, or writing; and*

*WHEREAS, aphasia is most commonly caused by a stroke, but may also result from traumatic brain injury, brain tumors, or progressive neurological diseases; and*

*WHEREAS, approximately two million people in the United States are living with Aphasia, including residents of the State of Montana; and*

*WHEREAS, individuals with aphasia often face significant barriers to communication, employment, healthcare access, and community participation; and*

*WHEREAS, increased public awareness and understanding of aphasia can reduce stigma, promote inclusion, and support communication access for all individuals; and*

*WHEREAS, National Aphasia Awareness Month serves as an opportunity to recognize the resilience of people with aphasia, honor their families and care partners, and highlight the importance of accessible communication in our communities;*

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

### **APHASIA AWARENESS MONTH**

in Montana and encourage all residents to learn more about aphasia and support individuals living with communication disabilities.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor