

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Montana's wildland firefighters take on exceedingly dangerous work, protecting millions of acres of private, state, and federal lands that we know and call home; and

WHEREAS, wildland firefighters protect Montana's people, communities, natural resources, recreation areas, and agricultural industry, each of which is a key part of our state's identity; and

WHEREAS, wildland firefighters persevere through extreme conditions for days and even weeks at a time, living and working in the midst of flames, heat, and smoke; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women continue to respond to the constant demands of severe fire seasons that are increasing across the West; and

WHEREAS, wildland firefighters have already responded to over 700 fires totaling 24,000 acres burned across the state thus far in 2026; and

WHEREAS, without this strong and skilled workforce in Montana, we would not be able to combat the continued threat of wildland fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim July 2, 2026

WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER DAY

in Montana and encourage the citizens of Montana to recognize the work and dedication of Montana's wildland firefighters.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor