

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, the United States of America is home to the world's finest Navy, a global force that safeguards freedom, promotes peace, and serves as America's forward presence – meeting threats, responding to crises, and providing humanitarian assistance whenever and wherever needed; and

WHEREAS, the United States Navy, founded in October 13, 1775, proudly celebrates its 250th Anniversary, marking two and a half centuries of honorable service, sacrifice, innovation, and commitment to defending the nation and its maritime interests; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Sailors are serving aboard or supporting the Independence-class littoral combat ship USS Billings (LC5 15), the Virginia-class fast-attack submarine USS Montana (SSN 794), and the Los Angeles-class fast-attack submarine USS Helena (SSN 725); and

WHEREAS, as part of this historic milestone, America's Navy will come home to Montana, including visits by Sailors of the USS Constitution, the Navy's oldest commissioned warship and a symbol of our nation's enduring maritime heritage;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim August 17-23, 2026

MONTANA NAVY WEEK

to encourage Montanans to take due note of this important occasion and recognize the proud legacy and continued service of the United States Navy.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor