

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, grizzly bears are the state mammal of Montana and an iconic American species; and

WHEREAS, grizzly bear recovery in the Greater Yellowstone and Northern Continental Divide ecosystems is a major conservation success story; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana successfully translocated two grizzly bears from the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem to the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, ensuring genetic connectivity; and

WHEREAS, grizzly bears have reached recovery levels in the Northern Continental Divide and Greater Yellowstone ecosystems and their population is expanding in both number and distribution; and

WHEREAS, Montana is ready to assume full statewide management of grizzly bears; and

WHEREAS, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, federal agencies, tribal governments, and partners in the conservation and agricultural community work together to help communities and landowners avoid bear conflicts and manage conflicts where they occur; and

WHEREAS, promoting bear awareness to minimize conflicts with grizzly bears through education and outreach is a community effort;

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

BEAR AWARE MONTH

in Montana to encourage Montanans and visitors to live and recreate safely in bear country.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style, with a decorative flourish above it.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor