

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, approximately 1,300 new stepfamilies are formed in the country every day, and nearly one in three Americans is apart of a blended family in some way; and

WHEREAS, nearly three-quarters of stepfamilies report a lack of resources and support available to help them navigate the unique opportunities and challenges of a blended family; and

WHEREAS, families across our country are formed and strengthened in many different ways, including through marriage, remarriage, and the blending of households and families; and

WHEREAS, National Stepfamily Day provides an opportunity to recognize the important role stepfamilies play in our communities and to express gratitude for the people who provide love, guidance, encouragement, and support within them; and

WHEREAS, across Montana, families are brought together in many ways, and parents, stepparents, bonus parents, children, bonus children, and siblings build relationships defined by love and a commitment to one another;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2026

STEPFAMILY DAY

in Montana to promote stronger Montana families.

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

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor