

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, October 2026 marks the 81st anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, workplaces welcoming of the talents of all people, including people with disabilities, are a critical part of our efforts to build community and a strong economy; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana's theme for this month is "Celebrating Value and Talent," which honors the contributions of disabled Montanans and reaffirms our commitment to ensuring every worker can pursue meaningful, high-demand careers that foster independence and economic self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, approximately 79,000 working-age Montanans with disabilities contribute to our state's diversity, including 41,000 who are currently employed and thousands more ready to enter the workforce; and

WHEREAS, long-term investments in workforce programs ensure Montanans of all abilities have the opportunity to reach their full, outstanding potential as members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Disability Employment and Transitions Office is advancing the independence and employment of Montanans with disabilities;

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

DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH

in Montana to continue expanding opportunity and supporting independent living for people with disabilities.

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

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor