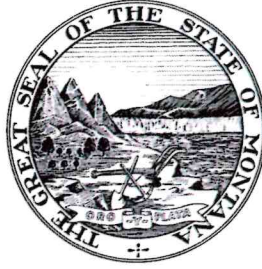


# STATE OF MONTANA



## *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**, 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**, avoiding conflicts with grizzly bears is a vital part of managing bears now and into the future in Montana; and

**WHEREAS**, Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, federal agencies, tribal governments, and partners in the conservation and agriculture 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 2023**

### **BEAR AWARE MONTH**

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

  
  
**GREG GIANFORTE**  
**Governor**