

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, recognizing soil as an essential natural resource, and Montana's agricultural producers and professionals as playing a critical role in managing Montana's soil and water resources; and

WHEREAS, healthy soil increases the viability of farms and ranches and the nutrient density of foods; and

WHEREAS, increases the availability of water for municipalities and recreational uses, and in-stream flows for power generation; and

WHEREAS, farming and ranching are vital to economic development and thriving livelihoods for Montana's rural and tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture defines soil health as the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2024

SOIL HEALTH WEEK

and the day of April 3, 2024

SOIL HEALTH DAY

in Montana to raise awareness of the importance of soil health and promote the stewardship of Montana's soils.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor