## STATE OF MONTANA



## Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, boating is a beloved summer pastime for many Montanans, from the Fort Peck and Flathead Lakes to the Tongue River Reservoir, to the many bodies of the water in between; and

WHEREAS, taking to our Montana lakes, reservoirs, dams, and ponds is a great way to escape the summer heat while also making memories with family, friends, and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately there are also accidents that happen on lakes, with some of those boating accidents resulting in drownings; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of boating accident victims were not wearing a life jacket and wearing life jackets on boats saves lives; and

WHEREAS, boating safety and protocol education can help save lives and promote better boating experiences for all Montanans;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 21-27, 2023

## **SAFE BOATING WEEK**

in Montana to encourage safe and responsible boating.

GREG GIANFORTE

Governor