

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, human trafficking is a widespread, heartbreaking crime whereby traffickers, which are often organized criminal enterprises, profit at the expense of adults or children by compelling them to perform labor or engage in commercial sex; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Justice (DOJ) initiated 143 human trafficking cases in 2023, more than double the cases in 2021; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking contributes to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons; and

WHEREAS, nonprofit organizations in Montana are committed to providing education about human trafficking, training to identify and report human trafficking, and resources to support survivors; and

WHEREAS, private businesses and industry associations are committing resources and educating their employees to prevent human trafficking in Montana; and

WHEREAS, DOJ, as well as county sheriff's offices, city police departments, and law enforcement agencies across Montana are increasing efforts to stop human trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim January 2024 and January 11, 2024

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH and HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS DAY

in Montana to encourage Montanans to be a part of the solution by learning the signs of human trafficking and reporting suspicious activity.



GREG GIANFORTE
Governor