

**STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4-2026**

EXECUTIVE ORDER REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDERS 3-2018 AND 6-2018

WHEREAS, the State of Montana is committed to fostering a robust and competitive telecommunications market that encourages investment in broadband infrastructure, particularly in unserved and underserved areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, Executive Orders 3-2018 and 6-2018 established so-called “internet neutrality” in the State of Montana by executive fiat, not through legislation passed by the Montana State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission is the regulatory body that governs the telecommunications industry in the United States of America, and repealed “internet neutrality” in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) awarded the State of Montana more than \$300 million from the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program; and

WHEREAS, the NTIA has issued guidance that “internet neutrality” rules undermine the financial viability of BEAD projects, deter investment, and increase operating costs, thereby impeding the timely and effective deployment of broadband in unserved and underserved areas;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG GIANFORTE, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution, and the laws of the State of Montana, including Title 2, Chapter 15, MCA, do hereby repeal Executive Orders 3-2018 and 6-2018.

This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 6th day of May, 2026.



GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:



CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State

