

**STATE OF MONTANA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 3-2024**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE  
MONTANA HISTORICAL RECORDS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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**WHEREAS**, federal law and implementing regulations (44 U.S.C. § 2104(a), 44 U.S.C. §§ 2501-2506, and 36 C.F.R. § 1206.41) require the Governor to establish a Historical Records Advisory Council in order to participate in the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) programs; and

**WHEREAS**, it is an important policy of the State of Montana to preserve and protect historical records for the use, learning, culture, and enjoyment of the citizens of the State;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG GIANFORTE**, Governor of the State of Montana, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution, Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-122 and any other applicable statutes, do hereby authorize the establishment of the **Montana Historical Records Advisory Council** as follows:

**PURPOSE**

The Council shall advise the State of Montana and its political units, educational institutions, and other organizations in the care, storage, preservation, and disposition of historical records. Council members may review, evaluate, and recommend grant proposals prepared by any person or entity in the State of Montana made to the NHPRC, an office of the National Archives and Records Administration. The Council is authorized to receive funds pursuant to state and federal law.

**COMPOSITION**

The Council shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor, a majority of whom shall have experience in records management or archives. The Council shall be as broadly representative as possible of public and private archives, records management, and research institutions and organizations in the state. The State Archivist shall be a member and shall serve as chair of the Council. The members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

**ADMINISTRATION**

The Council shall be attached to the Montana Historical Society for administrative purposes.

**COMPENSATION**


Council Members shall be entitled to reasonable travel expense reimbursement under Mont. Code Ann. § 2-15-122.

**DURATION**


This Order is effective March 1, 2024. The Council shall expire February 28, 2026 unless continued by Executive Order.



GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

  
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GREG GIANFORTE, Governor

ATTEST:

  
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CHRISTI JACOBSEN, Secretary of State