

JOINT PROCLAMATION  
OF  
GOVERNOR GREG GIANFORTE  
AND  
CHAIRWOMAN SHELLY R. FYANT

*WHEREAS*, the Montana Legislature passed the Confederated Salish and Kootenai-Montana Compact (“Compact”) on April 16, 2015; and

*WHEREAS*, the Governor of Montana signed the Compact on April 24, 2015; and

*WHEREAS*, the United States Congress passed the Montana Water Rights Protection Act (“Settlement Act”) on December 21, 2020; and

*WHEREAS*, the President of the United States signed the Settlement Act on December 27, 2020; and

*WHEREAS*, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (“CSKT”) ratified both the Compact and Settlement Act on December 29, 2020;

*NOW, THEREFORE, WE*, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, and Shelly R. Fyant, Chairwoman of the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, do hereby recognize and proclaim the Compact and Settlement Act to represent a unified body of authority that holistically addresses the rights and obligations of the signing parties. We celebrate the progress made to date, and renew our commitment to work together, in partnership, as we embark on the process contemplated in the Compact and Settlement Act.



GREG GIANFORTE

Governor



SHELLY R. FYANT

Chairwoman