

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Americans come together each March to celebrate Women's History Month and showcase the contributions of women to our Nation and State's culture, economy, religious life, and history; and

WHEREAS, the history of Montana cannot be fully understood without appreciating the role of women, from the days of the pioneers and prospectors to today's trailblazers in ag, high-tech, and business; and

WHEREAS, Montana women, including Missoula's own Jeannette Rankin, played a foundational role in securing voting rights for women in Montana, inspiring a movement across the country; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to the U.S. Congress; Mary Ronan, a notable historian of early Montana; Sarah Bickford, an African-American woman who was born a slave but eventually moved to Montana after the Civil War and owned the Virginia City Water Company; and Alma Snell, a Native American author, historian, and advocate for Apsáalooke culture; among others shaped our state's rich history and inspire Montanans to this day;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim March 2022

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in Montana to celebrate and reflect on the contributions of women to our state's history.

A blue ink signature of the name "Greg Gianforte".

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor