

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, antisemitism is a darkness that threatens the Jewish people and faith and requires collective action from all of us to drive out; and

**WHEREAS**, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identity, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society and Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism has been an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism, and includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-Israel acts that can cross the line into antisemitism; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 2019, President Trump signed an executive order adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism for the purposes of government agencies tasked with enforcing Title VI; and

**WHEREAS**, use of this definition of antisemitism, though it is not to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase awareness and understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish discrimination in circumscribed areas.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim November 28<sup>th</sup>-December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 to be

### SHINE A LIGHT WEEK

in Montana to use the Festival of Lights to champion the message of light and send a message of support and solidarity with the Jewish faith and people.

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

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
**Governor**