

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



***WHEREAS**, nutritional status is a direct measure of an individual's health, and good nutrition keeps Montanans healthy; and*

***WHEREAS**, malnutrition is a serious condition that occurs when one's diet does not contain the proper amount of nutrients, and is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations including hospitalized patients, the elderly, and minority populations; and*

***WHEREAS**, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact public health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and*

***WHEREAS**, malnutrition leads to complications including falls and readmissions, and contribute to cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity and quality of life; and*

***WHEREAS**, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 14-18, 2026*

MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK

in Montana to increase awareness about the role of good nutrition.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor