WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT GOVERNOR GIANFORTE:
CREATING A FISCALLY CONSERVATIVE BUDGET

HOLDS THE LINE ON NEW GENERAL FUND SPENDING

➤ STATE SPENDING HAS GROWN RAPIDLY OVER THE LAST DECADE.

➤ GOVERNOR GIANFORTE'S BUDGET DECREASES GENERAL FUND SPENDING $100M OVER THE BIENNIIUM COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET.

DOES NOT DIP INTO THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND

➤ MONTANA'S BUDGET STABILIZATION OR "RAINY DAY" FUND SHOULD BE USED ONLY WHEN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

➤ GOVERNOR GIANFORTE'S BUDGET ELIMINATES A PROPOSED TRANSFER FROM THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION OF $25M FROM THE BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND.

HAS A STRONG ENDING FUND BALANCE

➤ THE ENDING FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNOR GIANFORTE'S BUDGET IS $50M GREATER THAN THAT OF THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSED BUDGET.

➤ TOTAL ENDING FUND BALANCE AND RESERVES EXCEED $450M.