

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Earl J. Barlow was born on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana on June 2, 1927; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Browning High School in 1944, Earl enlisted in the United States Army during World War II, and was later honorably discharged; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to Montana, he enrolled at the Montana State Normal College, graduating with honors in 1948 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education and later earning a Master of Education degree from the University of Montana; and

WHEREAS, after beginning his career in education in Hot Springs, Montana on the Flathead Indian Reservation, Earl was an education leader at many different posts, including as superintendent of various school districts and as Director of the Office of Indian Education at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, June 2 is recognized as "Earl J. Barlow Day", which celebrates his extensive, meaningful lifelong accomplishments to strengthen Indian Education in the State of Montana and throughout the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2021 to be

EARL J. BARLOW DAY

in Montana to continue to recognize his lifetime of dedication toward enhancing Indian Education, Native American Rights, and for providing an endless source of knowledge and wisdom to future generations. The bond between Tribal Nations and the State of Montana is stronger because of Earl J. Barlow's work to promote civil rights and education for all Native Americans.


GREG GIANFORTE
Governor