

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, the state of Montana is committed to promoting the safety of residents and all who visit our state; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient blood supply is a public health issue both locally and nationally, and our hospitals need a readily available supply; and

WHEREAS, one blood donation can help up to three patients, and while it is estimated that approximately 38% of Americans are eligible to give blood, only 10% do; and

WHEREAS, the American Red Cross is experiencing the worst blood shortage in over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Montanans who are healthy and eligible to donate blood can do so by signing up for an appointment at a Red Cross blood drive near them by visiting redcrossblood.org.

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

BLOOD DONOR MONTH

in Montana to encourage healthy, eligible Montanans to give the gift of life by donating blood.



GREG GIANFORTE
Governor