WHEREAS, Local Quilt Shop Day is an annual arts celebration created to raise awareness about the importance of independent quilt shops to local economies, throughout both the state of Montana and the country; and

WHEREAS, the state of Montana is home to many local quilt shops and has a rich tradition of quilting; and

WHEREAS, throughout the challenges of the pandemic, quilters and seamstress, with the support of their local quilt shops, worked tirelessly to stitch their communities back together. Many spent countless hours under sewing machine lights creating tens of thousands of face masks to protect healthcare and front-line workers; and

WHEREAS, local quilt shops embody the beating heart of sewing communities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, with enthusiastic support from their patrons, local quilt stores celebrate the rich character and history of our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2022 to be

LOCAL QUILT SHOP DAY

in Montana to spotlight these charming small businesses and encourage Montanans to visit their local quilt shop.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor