WHEREAS, as many as 32 million Americans have food allergies; nearly six million of which are children under the age of 18; and

WHEREAS, research shows that the prevalence of food allergies are increasing among children and adults; and

WHEREAS, nine foods cause the majority of all food allergy reactions in the U.S.: shellfish, fish, milk, eggs, tree nuts, peanuts, soy, wheat, and sesame. Symptoms of a food allergy reaction can range from mild to severe, such as anaphylaxis which may cause death; and

WHEREAS, each year an estimated 3.3 million Americans require emergency room treatment for symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to foods containing allergens; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical treatment for severe allergic reactions to food has increased by over 350 percent in only a decade; and

WHEREAS, FARE (Food Allergy Research & Education) is a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life and the health of individuals with food allergies, and to providing them hope through the promise of new treatments;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana do hereby proclaim May 8-14, 2022

Food Allergy Awareness Week

in Montana to increase Montanans’ understanding and awareness of food allergies and anaphylaxis.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor