WHEREAS, Neurofibromatosis (NF) is a rare genetic disorder affecting two million people around the world and one in every 3,000 births, but is still relatively unknown to the public; and

WHEREAS, NF causes tumors to grow on nerves throughout the body and also can affect development of the brain, cardiovascular system, bones, and skin; and

WHEREAS, NF can lead to blindness, deafness, bone abnormalities, disfigurement, learning disabilities, disabling pain, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Tumor Foundation works to improve access to quality patient healthcare through its national NF Clinic Network; and

WHEREAS, the Children’s Tumor Foundation provides patient and family support through its information resources, youth programs, and local chapter activities; and

WHEREAS, much remains to be done to raise public awareness of NF and help promote early diagnosis, proper management and treatment, prevention of complications, and support for research;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim May 17, 2022

NEUROFIBROMATOSIS AWARENESS DAY

in Montana in support of individuals living with NF and their families.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor