

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, antisemitism is a darkness that threatens the Jewish people and faith and requires collective action from all of us to drive out; and

WHEREAS, antisemitism, including harassment on the basis of actual or perceived Jewish origin, ancestry, ethnicity, identify, affiliation, or faith, remains a persistent, pervasive, and disturbing problem in contemporary American society and Jewish people continue to be a targeted minority in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's (IHRA) Working Definition of Antisemitism has been an essential tool used to determine contemporary manifestations of antisemitism, and includes useful examples of discriminatory anti-Israel acts that can cross the line into antisemitism; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2019, President Trump signed an executive order adopting the IHRA definition of antisemitism for the purposes of government agencies tasked with enforcing Title VI; and

WHEREAS, use of this definition of antisemitism, though it is not to be taken as an exhaustive definition, will increase awareness and understanding of the parameters of contemporary anti-Jewish discrimination in circumscribed areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim November 28th-December 6th, 2021 to be

SHINE A LIGHT WEEK

in Montana to use the Festival of Lights to champion the message of light and send a message of support and solidarity with the Jewish faith and people.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor