

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, Montana is committed to helping all Montanans lead safe and healthy lives; and*

*WHEREAS, nutritional status is a direct measure of an individual's health, and good nutrition can keep people healthy and out of health care institutions; and*

*WHEREAS, malnutrition is a serious condition that occurs when one's diet does not contain the proper amount of nutrients, and is particularly prevalent in vulnerable populations including hospitalized patients, the elderly, and minority populations; and*

*WHEREAS, illness, injury, and malnutrition can result in the loss of lean body mass, leading to complications that impact good patient health outcomes, including recovery from surgery, illness, or disease; and*

*WHEREAS, malnutrition leads to complications including falls and readmissions, and contributes to cognitive deterioration, decreased functional capacity, and affecting quality of life; and*

*WHEREAS, screening, assessment, diagnosis, and intervention are key to improving malnutrition; and*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim October 4-8, 2021 to be*

### **MALNUTRITION AWARENESS WEEK**

to increase awareness of nutrition's role on patient recovery in Montana.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor