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