

# STATE OF MONTANA



## *Governor's Proclamation*



*WHEREAS, the practice of osteopathic medicine has a rich history rooted in holistic, patient-centered care, focusing on treating the whole person rather than symptoms; and*

*WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians (DOs) are fully licensed medical doctors who bring a unique, whole person approach to every medical specialty, emphasizing prevention, wellness, and interrelatedness of the body's system; and*

*WHEREAS, osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT), a hands-on technique used by DOs, has been a proven method to diagnose, treat, and prevent illness and injury; and*

*WHEREAS, there are over 148,000 osteopathic physicians and 38,000 osteopathic medical students across the United States serving communities with a commitment to improving healthcare access; and*

*WHEREAS, osteopathic physicians are essential to Montana's healthcare system, playing a critical role in addressing the health needs of Montanans;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim December 2024*

### **OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE MONTH**

and to encourage all Montanans to recognize the contributions of osteopathic physicians.

**GREG GIANFORTE**  
Governor