

STATE OF MONTANA



Governor's Proclamation



WHEREAS, Dolly Parton is remembered as not only a singer, songwriter, and businesswoman, but also as a humanitarian and philanthropist as the founder of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library; and

WHEREAS, Dolly established the nonprofit in 1995 to honor her father who could not read and to instill the love of reading around the world by mailing free, age-appropriate books to registered children up to five every month; and

WHEREAS, Montana's First Lady Susan Gianforte established the statewide expansion of the Imagination Library of Montana to get free books in the hands of Montana children in all 56 counties; and

WHEREAS, currently, the Imagination Library of Montana serves nearly 31,000 children, over half of the state's eligible children, having mailed 1 million free books to date; and

WHEREAS, Dolly Parton tragically passed away on August 25, 2026, but we will continue to promote her passion for youth literacy and education as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a Montana family can register their child to receive free books each month up to age five at MontanaImaginationLibrary.org;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Gianforte, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2026

DOLLY PARTON DAY

in Montana to honor the life, legacy, and generosity of Dolly Parton.

A blue ink signature of Greg Gianforte, written in a cursive style.

GREG GIANFORTE
Governor