

State of Montana

Proclamation

WHEREAS, it is desirable to all of us who live in Montana to achieve mutual goals through an improved relationship between sovereign governments, namely the State of Montana and the Indian Nations located within its borders. The respective sovereignty of the state and each federally-recognized tribe provides authority for each to exist and to govern; and

WHEREAS, there are seven federally-recognized Indian tribes in the state. Each tribe has an independent relationship with each other and with the state and its political subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, these seven Indian Nations and the State of Montana have historical relationships and unique rights shaped by federal and state constitutions, statutes, and treaties with the United States government and Executive Orders of the President.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARC RACICOT, Governor of the State of Montana, do hereby affirm that the State of Montana recognizes the fundamental principle and integrity of the government-to-government relationship between the State and the Indian Nations located in Montana, and it is upon this principle that a mutually beneficial approach to conflict resolution must rest.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA to be affixed. DONE at the City of Helena, the Capital, this twentieth day of March, in the year of our LORD, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-three.

ATTEST:

Michelle Corran

Marc Racicot

MARC RACICOT
Governor of Montana