

FENTANYL AND OPIOID CRISIS DECLARATION FOR BUTTE-SILVER BOW

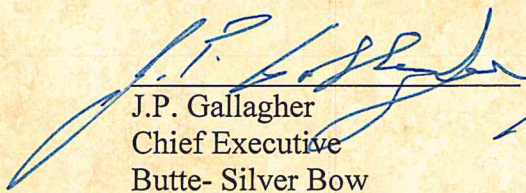
WHEREAS, fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50–100 times more potent than morphine, with just two milligrams of fentanyl considered a potentially lethal dose. In 2021, over 71,000 Americans died from fentanyl, an increase of 23 percent from the previous year; and

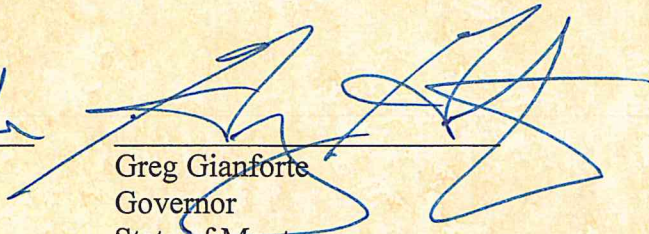
WHEREAS, powdered fentanyl looks like many other drugs, and it is commonly being mixed with other illicit drugs and made into pills that resemble legitimate prescription opioids. These counterfeit pills are easy to purchase, widely available, and deadly. Even more devious is “rainbow fentanyl,” which is made to look like candy to target children; and

WHEREAS, Butte-Silver Bow and the State of Montana are committed to addressing the fentanyl and overdose crisis by promoting public awareness, increasing prevention efforts, and expanding awareness about access to treatment for substance use disorders;

THEREFORE, together, Butte-Silver Bow and the State of Montana will work together to support and promote efforts to reduce the number of fentanyl/opioid related overdoses and deaths.

Dated this 25th day of October 2022


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Greg Gianforte
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