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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize June 2018 as "HUD Healthy Homes Month" in the state of Montana.

Home health and safety hazards including physical safety hazards, lead-based paint, radon, mold, pests, and allergens, cause or contribute to a wide range of illnesses and diseases. Anything from lead poisoning, asthma, cancer, and other injuries can occur from home health and safety hazards. In Montana, 10% of the adult population has asthma, five individuals die from carbon monoxide poisoning on average annually, and our state's history of mining and smelting has increased the risk of lead contamination in some of Montana's communities. Education and awareness about these dangers saves lives.

HUD Healthy Homes Month is an opportunity for all Montanans to educate themselves about the dangers of unsafe or unhealthy homes. The summer months are a perfect time for Montanans to check their homes for potential problems. And please do not forget your neighbors. If we take it upon ourselves to be proactive about keeping our homes free of dangerous hazards, we can make Montana a safer place to live.

I appreciate the Department of Housing and Urban Development raising awareness about home health and safety hazards, and I encourage all Montanans to acknowledge June 2018 as "HUD Healthy Homes Month."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock".

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor