

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK  
GOVERNOR



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LT. GOVERNOR

June 24, 2018

Dear Montana BBQ Attendees:

Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana BBQ Cook-Off in Absarokee.

I'm pleased to recognize this event as an official State Barbeque Championship in the state of Montana. I would like to commend First Interstate Bank, Stillwater Mine, the Absarokee Community Foundation, and Absarokee Area Merchants Association for helping put together this finger-licking, mouthwatering, family friendly event.

The Annual Montana BBQ Cook-Off is a sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society (KCBS), the world's largest organization of barbeque and grilling enthusiasts. This Cook-Off draws contestants from all over the state of Montana and across the nation. The Grand Champion, crowned here today, will receive an invitation to the American Royal Barbeque Cook-Off, the world's largest barbecue contest.

Whether you like your BBQ extra smoky, spicy, dry, or wet, I welcome all Montanans to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana BBQ Cook-Off. I wish the contestants the best of luck and hope you all packed a Big Sky-sized appetite!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Bullock", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor