

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK  
GOVERNOR



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LT. GOVERNOR

June 23, 2019

Dear Montana BBQ Attendees:

Welcome to the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana BBQ Cook-Off in Absarokee, MT.

I'm pleased recognize this event as an official State Barbeque Championship in the state of Montana. I would like to commend First Interstate Bank, Stillwater Mine, Briggs Distributing Company, the Montana Beef Council, Yellowstone Bank, Montana Pork Producers Council, Epiroc, 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 event of 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 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana BBQ Cook-Off. I wish the contestants the best of luck and hope you packed your appetite!

Sincerely,

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

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor