

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

GREG GIANFORTE  
GOVERNOR



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LT. GOVERNOR

Dear Montana BBQ Attendees,

Welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana Barbeque Cook- Off in Absarokee, MT.

It is my pleasure to recognize this event as an official State Barbeque Championship in the state of Montana. I would like to thank the community and local businesses for helping put together this wonderful family friendly event.

The Annual Montana BBQ Cook- Off is a sanctioned event of the Kansas City Barbeque Society, the largest organization of barbeque and grilling enthusiasts. Contestants from across Montana and the nation travel here to compete for the title of Grand Champion. The winner will receive an invitation to the American Royal Barbeque Cook- Off, the world's largest barbecue contest.

From the robust flavors to the tender meat, I hope you enjoy your time here at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Montana BBQ Cook- Off. I wish the contestants the best of luck and I hope you all brought your appetites!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Gianforte".

Greg Gianforte  
Governor