

WHEREAS the people of Montana wish to live in harmony with natural resources and leave a better earth for our children and grandchildren;

WHEREAS conservationists across our beautiful state work hand in hand with the citizens of Montana to conserve natural resources and to create a healthy land;

WHEREAS leadership for conservation of natural resources on private lands is provided by a partnership that includes conservation districts, state conservation agencies, various federal agencies, tribal nations and the Natural Resources Conservation Service within the United States Department of Agriculture;

WHEREAS the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its predecessor, the Soil Conservation Service, have been helping agricultural landowners in Montana meet their conservation goals;

WHEREAS the Natural Resources Conservation Service has established an important conservation partnership with farmers and ranchers in Montana;

WHEREAS now is the time to recognize the contributions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and its partners, and to continue to increase awareness among the state's citizens of the importance of natural resource stewardship;

THEREFORE, I, Brian Schweitzer, Governor of Montana, on this 70th anniversary of the creation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and on behalf of all of Montana's citizens, am pleased to formally recognize the accomplishments of this conservation partnership, and to impart all best wishes for continued success.

Dated this

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Governor Brian Schweitzer