

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE OF MONTANA

STEVE BULLOCK  
GOVERNOR



MIKE COONEY  
LT. GOVERNOR

May 10, 2017

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to recognize the *USS Montana* Commissioning Committee for its work in support of the Virginia Class submarine. When she is commissioned by the U.S. Navy fleet, the *USS Montana* will make our state proud and many of our citizens will lend their support as the commissioning proceeds. Those who sail aboard the *USS Montana* in the future will feel the support and magnitude of Big Sky Country.

Montana has a proud tradition of Navy service: from the first *USS Montana*, an armored cruiser that served through World War I, to our veterans who have served in defense of this nation for generations. I know our new namesake warship will continue to make Montanans proud.

To the future commanders and crews of the *USS Montana*: On behalf of all Montanans, we thank you for your bravery and service in defense of our country. We wish you the best as you carry out your missions around the globe.

Sincerely,

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

STEVE BULLOCK  
Governor