

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA URGING THE BOARD OF REGENTS AND THE CHANCELLOR OF MONTANA TECH OF THE
6 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA TO DIRECT THE SCHOOL OF MINES AND ENGINEERING TO ~~DEVELOP~~
7 STUDY AN ECONOMICAL PROCESS FOR MINING GOLD AND SILVER THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE THE
8 USE OF CYANIDE HEAP LEACHING AND TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS ATTENDING THE SCHOOL OF
9 MINES AND ENGINEERING IN THE FIELDS OF GEOLOGICAL ENGINEERING, METALLURGICAL AND
10 MATERIALS ENGINEERING, AND MINING ENGINEERING AT MONTANA TECH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
11 MONTANA TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM AT A MONTANA GOLD OR SILVER MINE
12 OPERATION.

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14 WHEREAS, with approval of Initiative Measure No. 137 on November 3, 1998, the people of
15 Montana statutorily prohibited all mines permitted after November 3, 1998, from using heap leaching or
16 vat leaching with cyanide ore-processing reagents in open-pit mining for gold or silver; and

17 WHEREAS, as a result of passage of Initiative Measure No. 137, it is critical for the economy of
18 the State of Montana that a new and economical process be developed to mine gold and silver without
19 use of cyanide ore-processing reagents; and

20 WHEREAS, it is also critical that students graduating from the School of Mines and Engineering
21 at Montana Tech of the University of Montana be provided with opportunities to develop and apply new
22 mining and reclamation technology through required internship at gold and silver mining operations in
23 Montana.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
25 STATE OF MONTANA:

26 That the Board of Regents and the Chancellor of Montana Tech of the University of Montana direct
27 the School of Mines and Engineering to:

28 (1) ~~develop~~ ENCOURAGE THE STUDY OF an economical process for mining gold and silver that does
29 not require the use of cyanide heap leaching; and

30 (2) encourage each student attending the School of Mines and Engineering in the fields of

- 1 geological engineering, metallurgical and materials engineering, and mining engineering to participate in an
- 2 internship program at a Montana gold or silver mine operation.
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