

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
7 MONTANA ENCOURAGING ~~AND SUPPORTING~~ INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF
8 THE GLOBAL SOCIETY.

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10 WHEREAS, advances in communication and transportation technology over the past half-century have
11 made today's world increasingly interconnected; and

12 WHEREAS, successful businesses, universities, and governments depend on a global perspective; and

13 WHEREAS, this era of global exchange has created a marketplace of ideas in which citizens of the world
14 from distinct social, cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds cooperate and compete on a daily basis; and

15 WHEREAS, evidence of the growing connection between Montana and the rest of the world can be found
16 in the Institute of International Education's Open Doors Report 2005; and

17 WHEREAS, 966 students studying abroad were enrolled through Montana institutions in 2004, a 10%
18 increase from 2003, and these foreign students and their families contributed over \$21 million to the Montana
19 economy in 2004 and 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, international education is critical to promoting a broadened world view that prepares
21 Montanans for life and work in the global economy; and

22 WHEREAS, creating a diverse academic environment by exchanging scholars and students between
23 countries builds the foundation for future international business success; and

24 WHEREAS, with foreign trade projected to be a key factor of Montana's economy and with the economy
25 of Montana inextricably intertwined to the rest of the world, our state's economic development depends upon a
26 deliberate strategic development plan that includes recognition of the role of international education in all its
27 facets; and

28 WHEREAS, the United States' national security and economic competitiveness depend significantly on
29 the country's ability to provide future leaders with the education that will best prepare them to respond to the
30 demands of the 21st century.

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

3 That the Montana Legislature finds that international education is an essential component of the bright
4 future of the great State of Montana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature ~~support and~~ encourage international
6 education to ensure that students and future leaders are prepared to meet the challenges of a global society.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Regents and
8 the Commissioner of Higher Education.

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