

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PURCHASE OR
5 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT BRUSH LAKE AND THE CULBERTSON OVERLOOK IN NORTHEASTERN
6 MONTANA AND DESIGNATION OF THOSE PROPERTIES AS REGION 6 STATE PARKS.

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8 WHEREAS, the 2003 Montana Legislature adopted Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 that provided in part
9 that the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks was involved in an effort to acquire property at Brush Lake in
10 region 6 in order to establish the region's first state park, that Brush Lake offers unique natural attributes worthy
11 of preservation for public recreational use and scientific study and interpretation, and that the Legislature
12 considered it an appropriate recognition of the region's unique beauty and a proper expenditure of state funds
13 to establish a state park at Brush Lake in region 6 as soon as funding became available; and

14 WHEREAS, as some funds became available and circumstances allowed, the state was able to purchase
15 the northern portion of Brush Lake, but purchase of the southern portion has not been accomplished, and the
16 entirety of Brush Lake remains to be designated as a state park, although the natural attributes and unique beauty
17 of Brush Lake and the potential for public recreation and scientific study and interpretation remain; and

18 WHEREAS, although the 2003 Legislature directed that the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks
19 "consider the establishment of the first state park in region 6 at Brush Lake a top priority", acquisition of the
20 southern Brush Lake property has not been completed, even though designation of the entire Brush Lake
21 property as a state park still constitutes an appropriate recognition of the region's unique beauty and a proper
22 expenditure of state funds; and

23 WHEREAS, the Missouri River overlook in Roosevelt County south of Culbertson, Montana, known as
24 the Culbertson Overlook, is a vista of exemplary beauty among the finest in eastern Montana and is worthy as
25 preservation as a state park for the perpetual enjoyment of all Montanans and the traveling public; and

26 WHEREAS, the purchase and proper development of the Culbertson Overlook as a state park, with
27 consideration given to protect the property rights of adjacent landowners, would add another crown jewel to the
28 Montana state park system.

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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

