



A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ADOPTING THE CODE OF THE WEST AS THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT IN THE STATE OF MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the men and women who came to Montana during the westward expansion of the United States, including cowboys, ranchers, pioneers, miners, and peace officers and their families, lived by an unwritten code of conduct; and

WHEREAS, this unwritten code of conduct was built upon the principles of honesty, loyalty, hard work, and courage; and

WHEREAS, those who lived by this unwritten code of conduct valued personal integrity, self-reliance, and accountability; and

WHEREAS, these early residents also recognized that cooperation and fair dealing were necessary to their survival and success; and

WHEREAS, this unwritten code of conduct became known as the Code of the West; and

WHEREAS, author James P. Owen distilled the Code of the West into 10 principles to live by; and

WHEREAS, Montanans can derive wisdom and guidance from the Code of the West, which remains relevant to present and future generations of Montanans.

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

That the Senate of the State of Montana adopts the Code of the West, as derived from the book *Cowboy Ethics: What Wall Street Can Learn from the Code of the West* by James P. Owen and summarized as follows, as the model code of conduct for the State of Montana:

- (1) Live each day with courage.
- (2) Take pride in your work.
- (3) Always finish what you start.
- (4) Do what has to be done.
- (5) Be tough, but fair.

- (6) When you make a promise, keep it.
- (7) Ride for the brand.
- (8) Talk less and say more.
- (9) Remember that some things aren't for sale.
- (10) Know where to draw the line.

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I hereby certify that the within resolution,
SR 0031, originated in the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2011.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 31
INTRODUCED BY J. PETERSON

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