

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ADOPTING THE
5 CODE OF THE WEST AS THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT IN THE STATE OF MONTANA.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
22 MONTANA:

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

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

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

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