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HB 326

RESOLUTION 2012 - 20

STATE AGENCY COORDINATION

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation requiring the State of Montana to enter into coordination with local governments when requested by any of the entities to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare, livelihood and property of the citizens of Montana.

WHEREAS, coordination language was created with the National Environmental Protection and the Federal Public Lands Management Acts, requiring federal agencies to work with local governments to implement environmental stewardship "to create and maintain conditions under which man and nature can exist in productive harmony" for the benefit of mankind and future generations and has been included in every other natural resource management statute which Congress has passed since 1976; and

WHEREAS, State governments have been given extraordinary power under the 10h Amendment to protect and preserve the rights, liberty and property of their citizens against unconstitutional Federal intrusions; and

WHEREAS, county governments were created to protect and support the interests, customs, culture, resources, property and tax base of the citizens within their jurisdictions and were intended to be most accessible and accountable form of government; and

WHEREAS, county and local governments can establish a growth policy and natural resource plan for specific local conditions and can adapt that plan to best meet the needs while maintain the rights of the citizens within their jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, there is a concern that State and Federal administrative agencies are creating rules and regulations that deny the citizens due process and the right to the productive use of their property; and

WHEREAS, the coordination process is an effective tool to protect the citizen's right to own and productively use private property, when implemented by County or Local government; and

WHEREAS, coordination initiates a procedure requiring State and Federal administrative agencies desiring to enact policies that increase restrictions, regulations and control over local resources to meet and negotiate on an equal basis with County or local governments on issues that affect the economy, safety, culture, stability, tax base, livelihood and local resources of its citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montana Association of County seek legislation requiring the State of Montana to enter into coordination with local governments when requested by any of the entities to protect and promote the health, safety, welfare, livelihood and property of the citizens of Montana.

SPONSOR:	**Districts 8, 9 & 12**
RECOMMENDATION:	**Do Pass as Amended**
REFERRED TO:	**MACo Public Lands Committee**
ADOPTED:	**Annual Conference, Great Falls, MT, September 26, 2012**