

1 _____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA PROCLAIMING
5 OPPOSITION TO A COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT BEING IMPOSED ON STUDENTS OF THE
6 MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

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8 WHEREAS, COVID-19 vaccines are going to be offered to all students at the 16 colleges and
9 universities that make up the Montana University System; and

10 WHEREAS, students in the Montana University System will be free to receive this vaccine at no cost
11 and the choice to not receive this vaccine should be a matter of personal conscience; and

12 WHEREAS, seeking medical or religious exemptions to student immunization requirements as a
13 condition of attendance pursuant to section 20-5-403, MCA, places an unnecessary burden on students; and

14 WHEREAS, the decision of receiving the COVID-19 vaccine should not be a burden for students at
15 Montana University System schools, but rather a free choice.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
18 MONTANA:

19 That the members of this House of Representatives oppose a COVID-19 vaccination requirement being
20 imposed as a condition of attendance at any unit of the Montana University System.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of this House of Representatives remind the Board of
22 Regents of Higher Education that while this chamber respects the board's government and control of the
23 Montana University System under Article X, section 9, of the Montana Constitution, this chamber also honors
24 the rights of the people, including university students, under Article II of the Montana Constitution and retains
25 sole power to initiate appropriations under Article VIII, section 14, of the Montana Constitution and Joint Rule
26 40-20 of the Legislature.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives send a copy of this
28 resolution to the Board of Regents of Higher Education, the Commissioner of Higher Education, and the

1 Presidents of the University of Montana and Montana State University.

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