

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21
INTRODUCED BY MORGAN

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SET ASIDE A TIME ON MEMORIAL DAY AS A MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE TO HONOR THE ACTS AND EFFORTS OF MONTANANS WHO DIED IN SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO HONOR THOSE MONTANANS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON BEHALF OF THIS COUNTRY.

WHEREAS, Memorial Day has been celebrated officially in this country since May 1868 as a way of honoring and remembering the sacrifices of America's brave members of the armed forces who gave their lives in defense of this country's freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the hectic pace of modern lives leaves little time to reflect on the sacrifices of those who fought and died for this country; and

WHEREAS, the true meaning of Memorial Day is in danger of being associated with barbeques, picnics, and the start of summer more than as a time to honor those who served this country; and

WHEREAS, a statewide moment of remembrance would provide a time to encourage all citizens to pause and reflect on the heroic sacrifices that Memorial Day is intended to commemorate.

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

That the Governor be urged to proclaim 1 p.m. mountain daylight time on Memorial Day as a moment of remembrance at which time Montanans will be asked to simultaneously pause and unite in remembrance, whether in prayer or silent contemplation, of those Americans who gave their lives to secure or maintain liberty in the United States and of those Americans who continue to serve in this nation's armed forces.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all citizens of Montana, wherever they happen to be and whether alone or with others, be encouraged to participate in a moment of remembrance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each public and recreational facility open on Memorial Day in Montana be urged to make a public announcement at 1 p.m. mountain daylight time, requesting participation in a moment of remembrance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State provide a copy of this joint resolution to the

Governor and send a copy to the President of the United States to reflect Montana's solidarity with other states that have followed the recommendations of the White House Commission on Remembrance to honor both those who died in service to this country and those who continue to serve.

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