

## 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9

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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING THE IDLE NO MORE  
5 MOVEMENT IN CANADA.

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7 WHEREAS, the Idle No More movement began with four women in Saskatchewan, Canada, who shared  
8 a vision of bringing people together to recognize and honor indigenous sovereignty and to protect the land, water,  
9 and environment for the future, and sparked a global grassroots movement; and10 WHEREAS, the goals of Idle No More are ongoing education and the revitalization of indigenous peoples'  
11 cultures, languages, and human rights and research and education about sustainable development; and12 WHEREAS, treaties have been in place between the Queen of England and the First Nations of Canada  
13 that predate the existing 1982 Constitution of Canada and the Idle No More movement is seeking to have Canada  
14 respect those treaties; and15 WHEREAS, indigenous peoples and tribes in Montana have close ties with the First Nations, support their  
16 relations in Canada, and share similar experiences; and17 WHEREAS, the Montana Senate supports the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples, as  
18 well as their rights to culture, identity, language, employment, health, and education; and19 WHEREAS, the Montana Senate supports the rights of indigenous peoples to maintain and strengthen  
20 their own institutions, cultures, and traditions and to pursue their development in keeping with their own needs  
21 and aspirations; and22 WHEREAS, the Montana Senate strongly disapproves of any discrimination against indigenous peoples  
23 and promotes full and effective participation in all matters that concern them and the right to remain distinct and  
24 to pursue their own visions of economic and social development.

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

27 (1) That the Montana Senate provides its support behind the Idle No More movement in Canada and  
28 around the world.29 (2) That the Montana Senate supports the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Rights and the  
30 commitment to improve relationships with tribes and tribal leaders and all indigenous individuals and communities

1 in the United States.

2 (3) That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the United States Secretary of State John  
3 F. Kerry, the United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Susan Rice, and the Montana  
4 Congressional Delegation of Senator Max Baucus, Senator Jon Tester, and Representative Steve Daines.

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