



A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ACKNOWLEDGING THE IDLE NO MORE MOVEMENT IN CANADA.

WHEREAS, the Idle No More movement began with four women in Saskatchewan, Canada, who shared a vision of bringing people together to recognize and honor indigenous sovereignty and to protect the land, water, and environment for the future, and sparked a global grassroots movement; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Idle No More are ongoing education and the revitalization of indigenous peoples' cultures, languages, and human rights and research and education about sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, treaties have been in place between the Queen of England and the First Nations of Canada that predate the existing 1982 Constitution of Canada and the Idle No More movement is seeking to have Canada respect those treaties; and

WHEREAS, indigenous peoples and tribes in Montana have close ties with the First Nations, support their relations in Canada, and share similar experiences; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Senate supports the individual and collective rights of indigenous peoples, as well as their rights to culture, identity, language, employment, health, and education; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Senate supports the rights of indigenous peoples to maintain and strengthen their own institutions, cultures, and traditions and to pursue their development in keeping with their own needs and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Senate strongly disapproves of any discrimination against indigenous peoples and promotes full and effective participation in all matters that concern them and the right to remain distinct and to pursue their own visions of economic and social development.

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

(1) That the Montana Senate acknowledges the Idle No More movement in Canada and around the world.

(2) That the Montana Senate is committed to improved relationships with tribes and tribal leaders and

all indigenous individuals and communities in the United States.

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

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I hereby certify that the within resolution,  
SR 0009, originated in the Senate.

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Secretary of the Senate

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President of the Senate

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 9  
INTRODUCED BY J. WINDY BOY

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