

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA URGING RATIFICATION OF THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT ON TRADE.

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7 WHEREAS, the United States and Canada have one of the largest trading relationships in the world, and
8 Canada is the United States' largest export market, valued at \$320 billion (\$411 billion Canadian) in goods and
9 services in 2017 and the United States is Canada's largest export market, valued at \$308 billion (\$396 billion
10 Canadian) in 2017 goods and services; and

11 WHEREAS, this trade supports 9 million jobs in the United States and 2.1 million jobs in Canada; and

12 WHEREAS, in the more than 20 years since the United States, Canada, and Mexico entered into the
13 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), trade among these countries tripled from \$340 billion in 1993
14 to \$1.2 trillion in 2016; and

15 WHEREAS, North American integration of trade under NAFTA has helped to make the region more
16 competitive in the world economy by providing highly integrated and valuable supply chains, as well as common
17 rules and harmonized regulations that increase the speed and global competitiveness of one another's
18 businesses, and by driving investment and imbedding value in each others' economic success, including by
19 providing jobs in North American communities; and

20 WHEREAS, Canada and Mexico are the first-ranked and third-ranked markets, respectively, for
21 agriculture exports from the United States at an estimated \$20.6 billion sent to Canada and \$18.6 billion sent to
22 Mexico, up from \$8.7 billion in 1992, the year that NAFTA was signed; and

23 WHEREAS, of particular interest to Montana because Canada is its largest trade partner, Canada has
24 agreed to grade imports of wheat from the United States in a manner no less favorable than that accorded to
25 wheat in its own country and not to require a country of origin statement on its quality grade or inspection
26 certificate; and

27 ~~WHEREAS, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement comes at a time when the use of tariffs~~
28 ~~announced by the United States in March 2018 on steel and aluminum, with a revocation of trade-related waivers~~
29 ~~in June 2018, resulted in imposition by Canada of retaliatory tariffs of \$12.8 billion on products from the United~~
30 ~~States and \$3 billion in retaliatory tariffs from Mexico; and~~

1 WHEREAS, in signing the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, the three countries have agreed
2 to make targeted improvements to NAFTA and build on the successful partnership and a shared competitiveness
3 in the global marketplace in which free, fair, open, and mutually beneficial trade helps to strengthen the
4 economies of all countries.

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

8 That the Montana Legislature:
9 (1) supports the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade by all countries as
10 soon as possible;
11 ~~————(2) urges the administration of United States President Donald Trump to renew this country's original~~
12 ~~waiver on steel and aluminum tariffs for Canada and Mexico; and~~
13 ~~————(3) requests that Canada and Mexico subsequently remove retaliatory tariffs on all goods and services~~
14 ~~exports from the United States.~~

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the
16 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader
17 of the United States Senate, the Consulate of Canada in Colorado, ~~and~~ the Consulate of Mexico in Colorado,
18 EACH MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
19 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, THE UNITED STATES SENATE ADVISORY GROUP ON NEGOTIATIONS, AND THE UNITED
20 STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ADVISORY GROUP ON NEGOTIATIONS, THE UNITED STATES TRADE
21 REPRESENTATIVE, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, THE
22 UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF LABOR, THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, AND THE
23 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR.

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