

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA ENDORSING THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB'S CANINE GOOD CITIZEN PROGRAM AND
6 SUPPORTING ITS EFFORT TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP IN THE STATE OF MONTANA.

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8 WHEREAS, dogs play an important role in the lives of many Montana citizens by serving as companions,
9 therapy dogs, and assistance dogs; and

10 WHEREAS, it is recognized that dog-related problems are most often caused by irresponsible owners;
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12 WHEREAS, responsible dog ownership is encouraged in Montana and responsible owners should
13 properly control and provide adequate training for their dogs; and

14 WHEREAS, Canine Good Citizen programs identify and officially recognize those dogs who behave as
15 members in good standing with the community; and

16 WHEREAS, the Canine Good Citizen program developed by the American Kennel Club teaches pet
17 owners that dogs should exhibit "good citizen" behaviors in the presence of other people and animals, in both
18 the home and the community; and

19 WHEREAS, children and adults of all ages participate in Canine Good Citizen classes to learn the skills
20 involved in responsible dog ownership; and

21 WHEREAS, dog bites and animal concerns are on the rise, so there is a real need for dogs to remain
22 well-behaved community members.

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

26 That the 66th Legislature encourages training that results in dogs being well-mannered "Canine Good
27 Citizens".

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