



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

economies of all countries.

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

That the Montana Legislature supports the ratification of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade by all countries as soon as possible

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Consulate of Canada in Colorado, the Consulate of Mexico in Colorado, each member of the United States Senate Finance Committee, the United States House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, the United States Senate Advisory Group on Negotiations, and the United States House of Representatives Advisory Group on Negotiations, the United States Trade Representative, the United States Secretary of Commerce, the United States Secretary of State, the United States Secretary of Labor, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator.

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I hereby certify that the within joint resolution,
SJ 0013, originated in the Senate.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2019.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

INTRODUCED BY M. CUFFE

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