_____ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROPOSE THE "KEEP NINE" AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TO REQUIRE THAT THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT BE COMPOSED OF NINE JUSTICES.

WHEREAS, an independent United States Supreme Court is an essential element of America's system of checks and balances that protects our constitutional rights; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has been composed of nine justices for more than 150 years; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the United States Congress should be prohibited from undermining the independence of the United States Supreme Court by changing the number of justices on the United States Supreme Court.

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

That the United States Congress be urged to propose the "Keep Nine Amendment" to the Constitution of the United States that states: "The Supreme Court of the United States shall be composed of nine Justices".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, and to all of the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Presidents of the Senate of the 99 state legislative chambers in the 50 states.

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