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 13 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
 14 MONTANA URGING PROMPT CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL FOR THE KEYSTONE
 15 XL PIPELINE.

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 17 WHEREAS, the state of Montana, counties, and school districts will benefit substantially by an increase
 18 in the property tax base when the Keystone XL Pipeline is approved and completed; and

19 WHEREAS, the Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality in 2012
 20 for the Keystone XL Pipeline states that "the Project will generate long-term property tax revenues for the
 21 counties traversed by the pipeline that will last for the life of the Project. The Project will generate approximately
 22 \$63 million in annual property tax revenues in Montana"; and

23 WHEREAS, the selected location of the pipeline through Montana and the conditions imposed by the
 24 Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality minimize adverse impacts on the
 25 environment, landowners, and affected communities; and

26 WHEREAS, significant infrastructure improvements, including powerlines and road and bridge
 27 improvements, will be built and paid for by TC Energy; and

28 WHEREAS, THE DESTRUCTION OF PRIVATE JOBS AND CAPITAL AS A RESULT OF THE EXECUTIVE ORDER TO

1 HALT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE IS A TAKING BASED ON THE 5TH AND 14TH AMENDMENTS TO
2 THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION; AND

3 WHEREAS, GIVEN THE SHORTAGE OF POWER RECENTLY EXPERIENCED IN EASTERN MONTANA AND THE
4 CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PLAINS, THE STATE SHOULD ENCOURAGE EVERY SOURCE OF POWER, INCLUDING FOSSIL FUELS
5 CARRIED BY THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE; AND

6 WHEREAS, Montana's Congressional Delegation supports the approval of the pipeline; and

7 WHEREAS, Montana's Governor Greg Gianforte supports approval of the pipeline.

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

11 That the 67th Legislature urge prompt congressional and presidential approval for the Keystone XL
12 Pipeline.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the
14 President of the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
15 States House of Representatives, and the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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