

## 1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA CALLING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF ANTIFA AS A DOMESTIC TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

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7 WHEREAS, members of Antifa, because they believe that free speech is equivalent to violence, have  
8 used threats of violence in the pursuit of suppressing opposing political ideologies; and9 WHEREAS, Antifa represents opposition to the democratic ideals of peaceful assembly and free  
10 speech for all; and11 WHEREAS, members of Antifa have physically assaulted journalists and other individuals during  
12 protests and riots in Berkeley, California; and13 WHEREAS, in February 2018, journalist Andy Ngo was intimidated and threatened with violence by  
14 protestors affiliated with Antifa; and15 WHEREAS, on June 29, 2019, while covering demonstrations in Portland, Oregon, journalist Andy Ngo  
16 was physically attacked by protestors affiliated with Antifa; and17 WHEREAS, employees of the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement were subjected to  
18 doxxing and violent threats after their social media profiles, phone numbers, and home addresses were posted  
19 on the internet by left-wing activists; and20 WHEREAS, according to the Wall Street Journal, a United States Immigration and Customs  
21 Enforcement officer was followed by left-wing activists and "confronted when he went to pick up his daughter  
22 from summer camp", and another "had his name and photo plastered on flyers outside his home accusing him  
23 of being part of the 'Gestapo'"; and24 WHEREAS, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in southwest Portland,  
25 Oregon, was shut down for days due to threats and occupation by Antifa members; and26 WHEREAS, Rose City Antifa, an Antifa group founded in 2007 in Portland, Oregon, explicitly rejects the  
27 authority of law enforcement officers in the United States, and federal, state, and local governments, to protect  
28 free speech and stop acts of violence; and

1           WHEREAS, Rose City Antifa rejects the civil treatment of individuals the group labels as fascists,  
2 stating, "We can't just argue against them; we have to prevent them from organizing by any means necessary";  
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4           WHEREAS, there is no place for violence in the discourse between people in the United States, or in  
5 any civil society, because the United States is a place where there is a diversity of ideas and opinions.

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

9           That the Legislature hereby:

10           (1) calls for the groups and organizations across the United States who act under the banner of Antifa  
11 to be designated as domestic terrorist organizations;

12           (2) unequivocally condemns the violent actions of Antifa groups as unacceptable acts for anyone in  
13 the United States;

14           (3) expresses the need for the peaceful communication of varied ideas in the United States;

15           (4) urges any group or organization in the United States to voice its opinions without using violence or  
16 threatening the health, safety, or well-being of any other persons, groups, or law enforcement officers in the  
17 United States; and

18           (5) encourages the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the Governor to  
19 redouble efforts, using all available and appropriate tools, to combat the spread of all forms of domestic  
20 terrorism, including white supremacist terrorism.

21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the  
22 President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,  
23 the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the members of the Montana Congressional Delegation, and  
24 the Governor, with the request this resolution be officially entered into the Congressional Record.

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