

WHEREAS, quality nursing care has dramatically reduced mortality and morbidity rates; and

WHEREAS, nurse practitioners can help reduce the costs of health care by emphasizing illness prevention and providing home health care; and

WHEREAS, the Montana State University College of Nursing has an accredited master's degree nursing program that is nationally recognized for excellence in rural health care, which can provide the basis for a family nurse practitioner program in Montana.

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

That the state encourage the citizens of Montana to endorse and support the efforts of the Montana State University College of Nursing to develop a family nurse practitioner program in Montana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the Board of Regents, the President of Montana State University, the Dean of the College of Nursing at Montana State University, and the publisher of each daily newspaper in the state.

Adopted March 25, 1993.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MONTANA DISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION FOR THE REDRAWING OF THE PLAN FOR LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, a Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission was appointed in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Article V, section 14, of the Montana Constitution provides for legislative review of and recommendations on the plan for reapportionment of legislative districts prior to the plan becoming law; and

WHEREAS, the constitutionally stated time for legislative recommendations on the plan for the reapportionment of legislative districts is within 30 days of the plan being submitted to the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the plan for reapportionment of legislative districts directly impacts every citizen of Montana; and

WHEREAS, substantial public comment and objections were received concerning the legislative reapportionment plan; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the concerns of Native Americans and is committed to their expanded involvement in the political process; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the Districting and Apportionment Commission's effort to enhance and maintain Native American majority dis-

tricts by adopting five house districts and a senate district in which Native Americans constitute a majority of the district population; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has reviewed the plan for the reapportionment of legislative districts and chooses to return its recommendations to the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission in the form of a joint resolution.

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

That the Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission be requested to consider and adopt the recommendations of the Legislature. The Legislature recommends that the Commission consider the amendments:

(1) requested by Senator Rea in Gallatin County to move the eastern boundary of House District 33 in Gallatin County from Bench Road and Table Mountain Road to the east side of the Madison River using the Buffalo Jump Road north to Logan, skirting Logan on the southwest and following the Gallatin River to the headwaters of the Missouri River. This amendment moves 281 people from House District 32 to House District 33. The reason for this amendment is to maintain a community of interest and to use a boundary that is easier to identify. (Exhibit #1)

(2) requested by Senator Hockett and Representative Bachini in Hill County to move the western boundary of House District 92 in Hill County from the current district boundary to Highway 87 south to just north of Box Elder where House District 92 includes a small area west of Highway 87. This amendment moves 37 people from House District 92 to House District 90. The percentage of Native Americans in House District 92 improves slightly to 58.82% of total population and 52.37% of voting-age population. The reason for this amendment is to use a boundary that is easier to identify. (Exhibit #2)

(3) requested by Representative McCaffree in Rosebud County to move the western boundary of House District 3 from Highway 14 and the road north to Vananda to the Yellowstone River west of Forsyth and the county line. This amendment moves 259 people from House District 7 to House District 3. The reason for this amendment is to maintain the community of interest that these people share with Forsyth. (Exhibit #3)

(4) requested by Representative Sayles in Missoula County to move the northern boundary of House District 62 from South Avenue to North Avenue and Edwards Avenue. This amendment moves 300 people from House District 70 to House District 62. The reason for this amendment is to place these people within the district that is most similar to the current district represented by Representative Sayles. (Exhibit #4)

(5) requested by Senator Bartlett in Lewis and Clark County to move the southern boundary of House District 54 from La Grande Cannon Boulevard to a ridge line on Mount Helena. This amendment moves 59 people from House District 53 to House District 54. The reason for this amendment is to keep a neighborhood in the same district and move the district boundary to a better geographical boundary. (Exhibit #5)

(6) requested by Representative Elliott in Sanders County to move the boundary of House District 72 south of Plains from the Clark Fork River to follow Highway 200 past Paradise to where it intersects the Clark Fork River at which point the boundary follows the river south. This amendment moves 32 people from House District 71 to House District 72. The reason for this amendment is to keep people from the community of Plains in the same district. (Exhibit #6)

(7) requested by Senator Pipinich in Missoula County to move a portion of the southern boundary of House District 69 from I-90 to north of Highway 200 east of East Missoula and to have the boundary follow the Clark Fork River to the adopted boundary. This amendment moves 257 people from House District 69 to House District 58. The reason for this amendment is to keep Senator Pipinich in the district to which the Commission assigned him as a holdover Senator. If the amendment is not adopted he will have no right to run in the district to which he has been assigned. (Exhibit #7)

(8) requested by Representative Wagner in Flathead County to move the southwest boundary of House District 83 from Highway 2 (east/west) and Hilltop Road to Highway 2 (north/south) and Brunner Road. This amendment moves 183 people from House District 79 to House District 83. The reason for this amendment is to keep people together currently in the same district. (Exhibit #8)

(9) requested by Representative Molnar in Yellowstone County to move the northwest boundary of House District 22 from King Avenue and Canyon Creek to the Molt Road. This amendment also brings the southern boundary of House District 8 in Yellowstone County to Molt Road. Both of these amendments move the western boundary of House District 9 east toward Billings. This amendment moves 268 people from House District 9 and places 23 people in House District 8 and 245 people in House District 22. The reason for this amendment is to keep people with a community of interest together and to use a boundary that is easier to identify. (Exhibit #9)

(10) requested by Representative Galvin in Cascade County to move the northern boundary of House District 48 to I-15 west of Great Falls and place the fairgrounds in House District 48. This amendment moves 81 people from House District 47 to House District 48. The reason for this amendment is to place people with a community of interest in the same district. (Exhibit #10)

(11) requested by Representative Driscoll in Yellowstone County to move the eastern boundary of House District 17 from I-90 and Washington Avenue south of I-90 to follow King Avenue to Sugar Avenue and follow Garden Avenue east and north to Belknap Avenue to the Yellowstone River where it meets the adopted boundary. This amendment moves 141 people from House District 13 to House District 17. The reason for this amendment is to place people with a community of interest in the same district. (Exhibit #11)

All of the above amendments to the plan maintain a plus or minus 5% deviation which is one of the mandatory criteria adopted by the Commission.

Adopted February 9, 1993.