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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 57
 2 INTRODUCED BY KIMBLE
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DESIGNATING THE
 6 FOURTH FRIDAY IN SEPTEMBER OF EVERY YEAR AS 'NATIVE AMERICAN
 7 INDIAN DAY' IN THE STATE OF MONTANA AND INVITING THE PEOPLE
 8 OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO OBSERVE THAT DAY WITH APPROPRIATE
 9 CEREMONIES AND ACTIVITIES.

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 11 WHEREAS, Article X, section 2, of the Constitution of
 12 Montana recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage
 13 of the American Indians and is committed in its educational
 14 goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity; and

15 WHEREAS, the knowledge of this important history and
 16 culture is gradually being lost to citizens of the state of
 17 Montana to the detriment of native Americans and all
 18 citizens of the state of Montana; and

19 WHEREAS, the history and culture of native American
 20 Indians is an integral part of the folklore and history of
 21 the nation and the state of Montana; and

22 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes that all Montanans
 23 have an invaluable opportunity for cultural enrichment
 24 through contact with the folkways and philosophy of native
 25 Americans; and

1 WHEREAS, we live in a time of increasing awareness of
 2 the importance of our natural environment, it is important
 3 that we not lose the native Americans' respect for, and
 4 ability to live in harmony with, the forces of nature; and

5 WHEREAS, there is a general lack of understanding of
 6 the unique psychological background of native American
 7 Indians which can be understood only by sharing the views
 8 and beliefs of native American Indians; and

9 WHEREAS, the state of Montana contains the fourth
 10 largest Indian population of the several states of the
 11 United States.

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

15 (1) That the Governor of Montana be encouraged to
 16 designate each year the fourth Friday in September as
 17 "Native American Indian Day";

18 (2) That the people of Montana be encouraged to
 19 participate in appropriate ceremonies and activities;

20 (3) That the secretary of state send copies of this
 21 resolution to the Governor, to each county clerk of the
 22 state of Montana for posting in a public place, and to each
 23 newspaper published in the state, for publication therein.

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