

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 56
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DETERMINING TO
 6 RESIST ALL EFFORTS BY ANY PERSON OR ORGANIZATION WHICH MAY
 7 BE SEEKING THE AMENDMENT, REPEAL, OR SUBVERSION OF THE
 8 INTENT OF THE 1973 ACT REQUIRING TEACHERS ON OR NEAR INDIAN
 9 RESERVATIONS TO RECEIVE INDIAN STUDIES INSTRUCTION BY JULY
 10 1, 1979.

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 12 WHEREAS, sections 75-6129 through 75-6132, R.C.M. 1947,
 13 were enacted to aid in the fulfillment of the intent of
 14 Article X, Section 1, subsection (2), of the 1972 Montana
 15 Constitution; and

16 WHEREAS, the requirement that public school teachers on
 17 or near reservations must receive instruction in Indian
 18 studies by July 1, 1979, will help them better understand
 19 the present Indian condition in Montana and thereby help
 20 them to better relate to their pupils; and

21 WHEREAS, the above-cited sections of law do not impose
 22 an unfair burden or financial hardship on teachers since the
 23 law offers three different alternatives whereby teachers may
 24 meet the Indian studies requirement; and

25 WHEREAS, the above-cited sections of law were enacted

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1 in 1973 and the disabilities imposed for noncompliance do
 2 not take effect until 1979 so that the argument that
 3 teachers do not have time to comply is totally without
 4 merit; and

5 WHEREAS, the Indian people of Montana have been most
 6 patient and understanding in agreeing to a 6-year delay in
 7 the full implementation of the law as was requested of them
 8 in 1973; and

9 WHEREAS, any further delay in implementation would
 10 constitute a breach of faith on the part of this august body
 11 and would be interpreted as further appeasement to racist
 12 tendencies.

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

16 That this Legislature will resist any and all efforts
 17 on the part of any person or organization which may be
 18 seeking amendment, repeal, or subversion of the intent of
 19 the Indian studies law cited above.

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