## Senate Resolution 2

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8 WHEREAS, Montana's forested lands provide revenue and
9 other direct benefits to the state and nation; and
10 WHEREAS, because of the existing drought situation,
11 Montana faces the possibility of severe forest fire
12 conditions in 1981; and

13 WHEREAS, there may be a possibility of obtaining
14 supplemental federal funds for the 1981 fire season (federal
15 fiscal year 1981); and

16 WHEREAS, the Reagan Administration may propose a 17 reduction in the present federal level of financial support 18 to state and local fire forces for the 1982 fire season 19 (federal fiscal year 1982); and

20 WHEREAS, without sufficient financial support, the 21 state is facing the possibility of massive forest closures 22 to protect Montana's forested lands from fire, which will 23 have a substantial negative impact on the state's economy. 24

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF

1 MONTANA:

That the Reagan Administration and Congress are requested to support full federal funding of forest fire protection assistance at a level of \$25,135,000 nationally for federal fiscal year 1982, as authorized under section II of the federal Clarke-McNary Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Reagan Administration
and Congress are urged to support supplemental financial
support for forest fire protection assistance for federal
fiscal year 1981.

11BEIT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution12be sent by the Secretary of State to the President of the13United States and to Montana's Congressional Delegation.

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