

## 1 SENATE 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 REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN  
6 CALGARY, ALBERTA.

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8 WHEREAS, the contiguous states of the United States share a friendly northern border of 5,000 miles,  
9 and Montana's northern border consists of 525 miles of those total miles;

10 WHEREAS, Alberta and Montana bilaterally share the tribal heritage of the Blackfoot Confederacy, the  
11 Niitsítapi, and recognize the importance of these "original people", including their First Nations' tribal land;

12 WHEREAS, Canada and the United States have diverse populations, permit dual citizenship, and share  
13 multicultural values;

14 WHEREAS, the Montana Legislature recognizes the cultural, educational, and economic benefits of  
15 establishing and maintaining international relations and commerce with Canada, and in particular with Alberta;

16 WHEREAS, the United States and Canada have similar interests in encouraging economic development,  
17 including agriculture, tourism, health care, and natural resource development;

18 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Montana economy to work with Alberta to benefit the mutual  
19 exchange of goods and services.

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

23 That the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Montana agree that Montana should  
24 maintain a physical presence in Canada to promote a cross-border partnership for economic development.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature calls upon the Governor to establish an  
26 economic development center located in Calgary, Alberta, for the mutual benefit of the Montana economy and  
27 its northern neighbors.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the Governor  
29 and to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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