

## 1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO REINSTATE A FEDERAL MANDATORY COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN  
6 LABELING LAW FOR BEEF AND PORK IN THE UNITED STATES-MEXICO-CANADA AGREEMENT.

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8 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture "Product of USA" labeling loophole allows  
9 imported beef and pork that is only processed or packaged in the United States to be labeled "Product of USA";  
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11 WHEREAS, the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture is  
12 tasked with "ensuring that all labels are truthful and not misleading"; and

13 WHEREAS, consumers have a right to know where their food is from; and

14 WHEREAS, United States farmers and ranchers deserve an honest label for their products; and

15 WHEREAS, agriculture is Montana's largest industry and an essential part of Montana's economy; and

16 WHEREAS, beef and pork are the only products excluded from country-of-origin labeling; and

17 WHEREAS, consumers and producers across Montana are calling for a mandatory country-of-origin  
18 labeling law to ensure the truthful labeling of where beef and pork are born, raised, and processed.

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

22 That the Senate and the House of Representatives of the 66th Legislature of the State of Montana urge  
23 Congress to reinstate a federal mandatory country-of-origin labeling law for beef and pork in the United  
24 States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, including the following language:

25 "Section 1. Beef and pork packages must be labeled according to country of origin, including where the  
26 live animal was born, raised, and processed."

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the individual  
28 members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

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