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RESOLUTION

American Indian Heritage Day September 23, 2011

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CLAY CHRISTIAN
Chair
Missoula

Article X, section 1(2), of the Montana Constitution recognizes the distinct and unique cultural heritage of American Indians and commits the state in its educational goals to the preservation of their cultural integrity.

TODD BUCHANAN
VICE CHAIR
Billings

In acknowledgement of our constitutional and educational responsibility for full participation in Indian Education for All Montana, MCA 20-1-501, we hereby acknowledge the importance American Indian history and culture in Montana. The histories and cultures of American Indians are an integral part of the history of the nation and the State of Montana. The Montana Legislature has recognized that all Montanans have an invaluable opportunity for cultural enrichment through contact with the culture and philosophy of American Indians.

STEVE BARRETT
Bozeman

MAJOR ROBINSON
Billings

As we begin this academic year, we emphasize to all in the Montana University System that the Montana Legislature in 1997 passed a law designating the fourth Friday of September as “American Indian Heritage Day.” This legislative action grants American Indian Heritage Day the same commemorative status as Columbus Day, Lincoln’s and Washington’s birthdays, and Flag Day.

ANGELA MCLEAN
Anaconda

JOSEPH THIEL
Student Regent
Bozeman

The campuses of the Montana University System are charged with conducting appropriate exercises commemorating the role of Indians in Montana’s past, present, and future. We hereby affirm the celebration of this day in significant ways across the campuses of the Montana University System, and commend the celebration of this day throughout the state of Montana.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
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Dated this 21st day of September, 2011,

Clayton Christian
Chairman Board of Regents

Sheila M. Stearns
Commissioner of Higher Education

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