_____ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____

(Primary Sponsor)

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA DECLARING THAT BIOLOGICAL BOYS AND MEN SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLAY GIRLS' AND WOMEN'S SPORTS AND URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORTS ACT OF 2025.

WHEREAS, in 1972, the United States Congress enacted Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 for the purpose of prohibiting discrimination based upon sex in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government; and

WHEREAS, Title IX gives women athletes the right to equal opportunity in sports in educational institutions that receive federal funds from elementary schools to colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, Title IX has made a lasting and significant impact on the lives of girls and women by increasing the participation of girls and women in athletics; and

WHEREAS, Title IX has led to a significant increase in the number of girls participating in athletics at the high school level, from less than 300,000 in 1972 to 3.5 million in 2021, while the number of women participating in collegiate athletics has risen from 29,997 in 1972 to 215,486 in 2021; and

WHEREAS, girls and women who participate in sports are more likely to get better grades in schools and are more likely to graduate than girls who do not play sports; and

WHEREAS, girls and women who play sports have higher levels of confidence and self-esteem and improved physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, girls and women who play sports develop lifelong skills, such as organization and time management skills; and

WHEREAS, allowing biological boys and men to participate in girls' and women’s sports is unfair and discriminatory because it prevents girls and women from playing sports; and

WHEREAS, allowing biological boys and men to participate in girls' and women’s sports prevents girls and women from experiencing the benefits of sports; and

WHEREAS, allowing biological boys and men to participate in girls' and women’s sports places girls' and women’s safety and opportunities at risk; and

WHEREAS, to ensure biological boys and men are not playing girls' and women’s sports, the United States Congress is considering the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025.

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

(1) That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana believes biological boys and men should not be allowed to play girls' and women's sports.

(2) That the United States Congress be urged to pass, and the President of the United States be urged to sign into law, the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act of 2025.

(3) That the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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