

1 _____ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. _____
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REMOVE ANY REQUIREMENTS OR
6 OBLIGATIONS TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

8 WHEREAS, in 2021, President Joe Biden signed an executive order establishing an electric vehicle
9 mandate for new passenger cars and light trucks; and

10 WHEREAS, Montanans use and rely on gas-powered vehicles for personal, business, and recreational
11 purposes; and

12 WHEREAS, Montana is considered a frontier state due to the largely rural nature of Montana towns
13 and other lands; and

14 WHEREAS, the average range of an electric vehicle falls between 110 and 300 miles; and

15 WHEREAS, current availability of electric charging stations is intermittent across the state of Montana.

16 Those electric charging stations that are available are commonly within city limits or urban areas.

17 Consequently, Montanans may be prevented from traveling significant distances in an expeditious manner
18 around Montana in an electric vehicle; and

19 WHEREAS, the surface and quality of Montana's backroads and gravel roads often requires vehicles
20 with four-wheel drive, hydraulic lift, or other forms of all-terrain capability. At present, the availability of electric
21 vehicles with all-terrain capacities is prohibitive; and

22 WHEREAS, the payload or hauling capacity of electric vehicles is often lower than their gas-powered
23 counterparts due to the additional weight of the charging and battery systems; and

24 WHEREAS, Montana experiences harsh weather conditions, which often include times of extreme cold;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, electric vehicles can lose up to 40% of their range in cold weather; and

27 WHEREAS, electric vehicles may be unsuitable and unusable in Montana; and

28 WHEREAS, requiring Montanans to purchase electric vehicles may prevent Montanans from traveling,

1 hauling and moving goods, obtaining goods and services, conducting business, and participating in personal
2 and recreational activities; and

3 WHEREAS, requiring the purchase of electric vehicles may interfere with government services and
4 may increase costs for local government services and state government services; and

5 WHEREAS, President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to eliminate the electric
6 vehicle mandate and to promote true customer choice.

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

10 (1) That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana thanks President Donald Trump for his
11 actions to eliminate the ELECTRIC VEHICLE mandate.

12 (2) That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana believes Montanans should have the
13 freedom to decide whether to purchase an ELECTRIC VEHICLE or A gas-powered vehicle.

14 (3) That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana asks the UNITED STATES Congress to
15 eliminate all ELECTRIC VEHICLE mandates and allow the people of Montana to purchase the type of vehicle THAT
16 best fits their needs and uses.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the
18 President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United
19 States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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