

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 URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT COUNTRY-OF-ORIGIN
6 LABELING FOR BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS.

8 WHEREAS, the United States Congress amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require that
9 retailers notify customers who are purchasing covered commodities, including beef and pork, of the
10 commodities' origin by means of a country-of-origin label; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015, Congress removed mandatory country-of-origin labeling requirements for only beef and pork while all other food products require country-of-origin labeling; and

13 WHEREAS, consumers want to know the origin of their food, and United States and Montana
14 producers want consumers to know the origin of their food; and

15 WHEREAS, transparent and accurate country-of-origin labeling will contribute to a competitive
16 marketplace for American producers and consumers; and

17 WHEREAS, on February 5, 2025, U.S. Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) introduced the
18 American Beef Labeling Act of 2025, which would reinstate federal mandatory country-of-origin labeling for
19 beef.

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

23 That the 69th Montana Legislature urges Congress to pass a federal mandatory country-of-origin
24 labeling law for beef and pork products.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to each
26 member of the Montana Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Secretary of the United States
27 Department of Agriculture, and the United States Trade Representative.

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