

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 3

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A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE MONTANA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO PROTECT THE PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION OF MONTANANS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY.

WHEREAS, online privacy and security is important to Montanans; and

WHEREAS, Montana prides itself in its robust privacy laws that protect the identities and financial security of all Montanans, including laws related to online computer crimes, online privacy, and data security; and

WHEREAS, the newly established Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), a federal organization created by executive order and not through an act of the United States Congress, recently gained access to the federal digital infrastructure containing the names, addresses, social security numbers, and other personally identifiable information of millions of American citizens, including thousands of Montanans; and

WHEREAS, due to uncertainties about the type of access gained by the DOGE, how the acquired information will be used, and whether there will be any oversight of the DOGE, Americans are afraid that their personally identifiable information is at risk, and many citizens are resorting to freezing their credit as a precaution; and

WHEREAS, it is unacceptable to use personally identifiable information in any way that is not entirely secure, and it is the responsibility of the federal government to provide that protection; and

WHEREAS, Montanans should have the same protections at the federal level against breaches of personally identifiable information as they do at the state level.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
2 MONTANA:

3 That the House of Representatives of the 69th Legislature request that the Montana Congressional
4 Delegation act immediately to secure all databases that contain personally identifiable information of
5 Montanans.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to each
7 member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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