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1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 36
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5	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
6	MONTANA ENCOURAGING MONTANA'S SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH
7	INSTRUCTION ON HOW TO READ AND WRITE IN CURSIVE.
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9	WHEREAS, cursive is a type of handwriting in which all of the letters in a word are connected; and
10	WHEREAS, the ever-increasing reliance on computers and related technology in today's society has
11	provided students with keyboarding skills, but students lack the ability to read or write in cursive; and
12	WHEREAS, scientists are discovering that learning cursive has important benefits for students'
13	cognitive development, and that multiple parts of the brain are activated when learning to write cursive, as
14	compared to typing or simply viewing letters; and
15	WHEREAS, documents that are fundamental to our country's history and laws, including the
16	Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution, were drafted in cursive; and
17	WHEREAS, students should be able to read our most valued historical documents in their original form,
18	be able to read cursive or sign their names in cursive when required, and be enriched by the cognitive, motor
19	skill, and other benefits that result from learning to write in cursive.
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21	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
22	THE STATE OF MONTANA:
23	That Montana school districts be strongly encouraged to introduce cursive writing as early as
24	developmentally appropriate and to provide exposure to cursive throughout a student's school career, in part so
25	that students will be able to appreciate historical documents and different literacy formats.
26	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the
27	Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Board of Public Education, and each public school board in Montana.
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