

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 8

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A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA SUPPORTING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.

WHEREAS, the State of Montana, counties, and school districts would have benefited substantially by an increase in the property tax base if the Keystone XL Pipeline were approved and completed; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality in 2012 for the Keystone XL Pipeline states that "the Project will generate long-term property tax revenues for the counties traversed by the pipeline that will last for the life of the Project. The Project will generate approximately \$63 million in annual property tax revenues in Montana"; and

WHEREAS, the selected location of the pipeline through the state and the conditions imposed by the Certificate of Compliance granted by the Department of Environmental Quality minimize adverse impacts on the environment, landowners, and affected communities; and

WHEREAS, the destruction of private jobs and capital as a result of the executive order to halt the construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline is a taking based on the 5th and 14th amendments to the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, given the shortage of power recently experienced in Eastern Montana and the central and southern plains, the state should encourage every source of power, including fossil fuels carried by the Keystone XL Pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Montana's Congressional Delegation supports the approval of the pipeline; and

WHEREAS, Montana's Governor Greg Gianforte supports approval of the pipeline.

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

