

YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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Legislative Action:

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Referred to Committee: Senate Natural Resources & Transportation Committee

1 A RESOLUTION FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "The Environmental Restoration Plan"

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3 Whereas: The annual payments to ranchers as a result of wolf kill have multiplied by more than 20
4 ½ times since the introduction of the Canadian Grey Wolf.

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6 Whereas: There are now over 1200 Canadian Grey Wolves in Yellowstone National Park and the
7 surrounding areas, decimating wildlife and livestock alike.

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9 Whereas: The livelihoods of individuals such as Edwin Johnson of Gardiner, Montana are in danger
10 of failure.

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12 Whereas: In the year 2006, 158 head of cattle, 204 head of sheep, and 8 other ranching animals such
13 as horses and guard dogs were confirmed killed by wolves.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE MONTANA YMCA YOUTH LEGISLATURE:

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17 Section One: As the Rocky Mountain Agricultural business is being harmed by non-native predators,
18 the Montana Youth Legislature shall declare and highly recommend the following.

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20 1. The Canadian Grey Wolf (*Occidentalis*) is a non-native specie, as such; it should be declared an
21 invasive specie.

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23 2. Efforts should be taken to remove the Canadian Grey Wolf from Yellowstone National Park and
24 the surrounding areas that have now been invaded.

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26 4. The afflicted areas should be quarantined by Fish Wildlife and Parks officers in order to ensure
27 complete removal via relocation or elimination.

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29 5. After an appropriate amount of time has passed, which will be determined by ecologists on scene,
30 such that the native species decimated by the introduction of the Canadian Grey Wolf have
31 recovered, be it enacted that a slow, careful reintroduction of the Timber Wolf (*Nubilus*), the original
32 specie to be found in Yellowstone National Park and surrounding areas, shall occur, enabling a true
33 return to the equilibrium that will best support the conservation of our wilderness

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