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1	SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 14
2	INTRODUCED BY A. OLSEN, M. CUFFE
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4	A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO INCLUDE
5	MONTANANS IN THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT.
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7	WHEREAS, from 1945 to 1962, the United States government conducted over 200 above-ground
8	nuclear tests, exposing tens of thousands of people in downwind areas to deadly radiation; and
9	WHEREAS, Montana is one of the most impacted "downwind" states and home to 15 of the 25 most
10	exposed counties in the United States, including Meagher, Broadwater, Beaverhead, Chouteau, Jefferson,
11	Powell, Judith Basin, Madison, Fergus, Gallatin, Petroleum, Lewis and Clark, Blaine, Silver Bow, and Deer
12	Lodge Counties; and
13	WHEREAS, this issue is important to many Montanans who have suffered and even died from radiation
14	exposure and may not even know their cancers were caused by our nation's nuclear testing; and
15	WHEREAS, the current compensation available for those impacted by United States nuclear weapons
16	development and testing is still not available for impacted Montanans, even though the 1997 study by the
17	United States government indicated that Montana should be included in the Radiation Exposure Compensation
18	Act.
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20	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
21	That the United States Congress be urged to pass amendments to include Montanans in the Radiation
22	Exposure Compensation Act.
23	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the
24	members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate.
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