

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12
BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2 STATING THE FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF
3 LATAH COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MOSCOW IN BRINGING THE COMMU-
4 NITY TOGETHER THROUGH THE MOSCOW COMMUNITY WALK, ENDORSING
5 THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE WALK, AND ENCOURAGING SPONSOR-
6 SHIP OF SIMILAR EVENTS IN OTHER COMMUNITIES OF OUR GREAT STATE
7 OF IDAHO.

8 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 WHEREAS, the 2007 Moscow CommUNITY Walk Proclamation issued by Idaho Gover-
10 nor C.L. "Butch" Otter recognized the importance of the Moscow CommUNITY Walk for "the
11 positive impact they can have on our State";

12 WHEREAS, the 2007 Moscow CommUNITY Walk Proclamation, issued by City of
13 Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney, stated the purpose of the CommUNITY Walk: "We choose
14 to walk together in a symbolic pilgrimage of our common humanity in the spirit of peace and
15 harmony";

16 WHEREAS, according to S. "Ghazi" Ghazanfar, Professor Emeritus (2002), the founder
17 of the Moscow CommUNITY Walk, the event "inspires each of us to develop and promote
18 meaningful connections with each other, to gather in the spirit of mutual respect and accep-
19 tance, transcending our differences and rising to the unifying inclusiveness of our pluralism";

20 WHEREAS, Tom Trail, a member of the Moscow CommUNITY Walk's original found-
21 ing committee, believes, "The Walk brings together a cross section of citizens and allows them
22 for at least one moment and one day to stand together in friendship and to celebrate our spirit
23 of community."

24 WHEREAS, in addition to the Walk, the event has also included a free potluck-commu-
25 nity meal, a student essay contest and various other celebratory activities for the participants;

26 WHEREAS, the Moscow CommUNITY Walk has enjoyed the support of several promi-
27 nent sponsors, including: the City of Moscow, the University of Idaho (Office of the President,
28 the Associated Students of the University of Idaho and the Multicultural Affairs Office), the
29 Latah County Human Rights Task Force, the Moscow Interfaith Association, and various other
30 faith groups as well as business and civic organizations.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of
32 the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein,
33 that the Legislature supports the people of Latah County and the City of Moscow in bringing
34 the community together through the Moscow CommUNITY Walk, endorses the annual cele-
35 bration of the Walk, and encourages sponsorship of similar events in other communities of our
36 Great State of Idaho.