

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46

BY STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE, URGING IDAHOANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
2 ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE 2016 U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE, URGING  
3 COMMUNITIES, BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF IDAHO TO  
4 CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE U.S. CAPITOL CHRISTMAS  
5 TREE, INCLUDING INVOLVING ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLCHILDREN IN MAKING  
6 ORNAMENTS FOR THE TREE AND URGING IDAHOANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY COMMU-  
7 NITY CELEBRATIONS THAT MAY OCCUR IN THEIR COMMUNITY AS THE U.S. CAPITOL  
8 CHRISTMAS TREE TRAVELS ITS ROUTE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF IDAHO PRIOR TO  
9 ITS TRIP ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO WASHINGTON, D.C.  
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11 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

12 WHEREAS, the custom of placing the "People's Christmas Tree" on the West  
13 Front Lawn of the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C., dates back to  
14 1964, and since 1970, the "People's Christmas Tree" has come from a national  
15 forest; and

16 WHEREAS, Idaho has been given the unique honor to provide the U.S. Capi-  
17 tol Christmas Tree in 2016 and a 60 to 85 foot tall tree will be harvested from  
18 the Payette National Forest in November 2016 pending selection from the na-  
19 tion's Architect of the Capitol; and

20 WHEREAS, the 2016 tree will be from Idaho and this project provides an  
21 excellent opportunity to highlight Idaho and the national forests located  
22 here; and

23 WHEREAS, in addition to providing the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, 70  
24 smaller companion trees will be provided for federal government offices; and

25 WHEREAS, Idahoans can become directly involved in helping make approx-  
26 imately 8,000 handcrafted ornaments to decorate the U.S. Capitol Christmas  
27 Tree; and

28 WHEREAS, community celebrations will occur in Idaho as the U.S. Capitol  
29 Christmas Tree travels a route throughout the state prior to its cross-coun-  
30 try trip to our nation's capitol.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Second Regular Ses-  
32 sion of the Sixty-third Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and  
33 the Senate concurring therein, that we urge Idahoans to participate in the  
34 activities surrounding the 2016 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge communities, businesses and schools  
36 throughout the State of Idaho to contribute toward the effort to provide the  
37 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, including involving organizations and school-  
38 children in making ornaments for the tree.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge Idahoans to participate in any com-  
40 munity celebrations that may occur in their communities as the U.S. Capitol  
41 Christmas Tree travels its route throughout the State of Idaho prior to its  
42 trip across the United States to Washington, D.C.