WHEREAS, the BCH organization is one of the largest contributors to public land management, trail system maintenance, and education of backcountry stock users, and

WHEREAS, the BCH organization’s 2011 volunteer work produced an in-kind monetary value of $11,942,130, and

WHEREAS, the BCH organization has a valued and respected voice in its opinion on Congressional bills, legislative proposals, and federal land management decisions, and

WHEREAS, the BCHA Organizational Handbook describes in the Benefits of Formation, “The energies of individual horsemen within an area can be channeled into a powerful organization with considerable influence.”, and

WHEREAS, BCH of Montana stands to lose millions of acres of back country if HR 1505 becomes law, and

WHEREAS, BCHA has an obligation to listen to BCH members and support and promote their efforts to protect our wise and sustaining use of horses and use by people commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that BCHA will formulate opinions on Congressional bills, legislative proposals and land management decisions indicative-consistent with of their members the BCHA purpose statement; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that BCHA should not be dependent on opinions set forth by any other organizations such as the American Horse Council, The Wilderness Society, CDTA-Sierra Club or any other entity. Gathering of information is acceptable, but BCHA must be responsive to BCH membership opinion when Congressional bills, legislative proposals and land management decisions may affect the BCHA Purpose Statement; now therefore be it, finally

RESOLVED, resolved that BCH of Montana is appalled by BCHA for not supporting them in their fight against HR 1505.

Resolved, that the BCHA actively support the BCH of MT in their fight against HR 1505.