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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Smoking on Campus**
3 **February 12, 2014**
4 **SB61-13/14**
5 **Authored by: Henry Ho, ASUM Senator**

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7 Whereas, some students at the University of Montana (UM) may want to quit smoking;

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9 Whereas, each day more than 3,600 people under eighteen smoke their first cigarette;

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11 Whereas, more than 900 persons begin smoking on a daily basis;

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13 Whereas, in 2011, an estimated nineteen percent of adults in the United States were cigarette
14 smokers; approximately eighteen percent of high school/college students smoke cigarettes;

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16 Whereas, cigarette smoking causes an estimated 443,000 deaths each year, including
17 approximately 49,400 deaths due to the exposure of secondhand smoke;

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19 Whereas, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer related deaths among both men and women
20 in the United States, and 90% of lung cancer deaths among men, and approximately 80% of lung
21 cancer deaths among women are due to smoking;

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23 Whereas, smoking causes many other types of cancer, including cancers of the throat, mouth,
24 nasal cavity, esophagus, stomach, pancreas, kidney, bladder, and cervix, as well as acute myeloid
25 leukemia;

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27 Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) understands and
28 recognizes the student's individual right to smoke while at the same time understands the
29 individual's choice to quit;

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31 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM understands the reason behind UM's tobacco-free
32 campus policy;

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM will promote the student's right to quit
35 smoking, however, when it comes to secondhand smoke, ASUM will protect the student's right
36 to clean air;

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM encourages the further education on the
39 dangers of tobacco and secondhand smoke;

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41 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to: Royce Engstrom,
42 President of the University of Montana; and Linda Green, Chair of the Tobacco-Free Taskforce.

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44 Passed by Committee: February 10, 2014

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46 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2014

47 Final Vote: *Tabled by Voice Vote*

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Sean McQuillan,
52 Relations and Affairs Chair

Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate