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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Gender Neutral Restrooms on the University of Montana Campus**
3 **10/02/2017**
4 **SB25 17/18**

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7 **Sponsored by: Daisy Ward, ASUM Senator;**
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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) “represents, empowers
11 and advocates for UM students”;

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13 Whereas, Diversity is one of the six core values of ASUM;

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15 Whereas, The University of Montana currently has 22 gender neutral bathrooms across campus,
16 located in Eck Hall, the University Center, University Hall, Corbin Hall, the International House,
17 the George and Jane Dennison Theater, the Music Building, Law School, PAR/TV Building,
18 Math Building, Gallagher Business Building, Curry Health Center, Fitness and Recreation
19 Center, Fine Arts Building, including one in each of the Residence Halls;

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21 Whereas, Many of these buildings listed house high volumes of students each day and access to
22 these gender neutral bathrooms can be very limited, especially where there is only one gender
23 neutral bathroom in the building;

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25 Whereas, Having broad access to gender neutral bathrooms across campus is important to current
26 students, as well as to potential or future students at UM;

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28 Whereas, UM 2020’s diversity section under core values reads:

29 “The University of Montana seeks to enhance diversity by recognizing and
30 embracing the differences in age, ideas and perspectives, disabilities, abilities, creed,
31 ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, national origin, race,
32 religious and spiritual beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, and the socioeconomic and
33 geographic composition of its faculty, administrative professionals, staff, and students. In
34 its effort to enhance diversity, The University of Montana recognizes that particular
35 focused effort must be placed on including members of groups who have historically
36 been subject to discrimination and are still underrepresented in the campus community.”;

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38 Whereas, The University of Montana houses its very own LGBTQ Allies program and
39 understands how important it is for the LGBTQ community to have equal access to gender
40 neutral bathrooms as cisgender males/females have to regular male/female bathrooms;

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42 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM calls upon the University of Montana to have at least
43 one gender neutral bathroom in every campus building and all future campus buildings;

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46 Therefore, ASUM asks that the University of Montana commits to including at least two gender
47 neutral bathrooms in buildings such as Eck Hall and in other large facilities, including the
48 Washington-Grizzly Football Stadium;

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50 Therefore, ASUM urges the University of Montana to prioritize implementing gender neutral
51 bathrooms in the Lommasson building, as it's a key visiting center and the majority of visiting
52 students utilize this building;

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54 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Sheila Stearns, Interim
55 President of the University of Montana; Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana;
56 Paula Short, Director of Communications for the President; Rhondie Voorhees, Dean of
57 Students; Jessica Weltman, Director of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action and Title IX
58 Coordinator; Kevin Krebsbach, Director of Facilities Services, and UM Allies.

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61 Passed by Committee: _____, 2017

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64 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2017

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70 Connor Fitzpatrick,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Brenna Love,
Chair of the Senate