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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding ADUs**
3 **February 13, 2013**
4 **SB56-12/13**

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8 **Senator; Alex Rich, ASUM Senator**
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10 Whereas, an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) is a rental unit with a separate kitchen, sleeping
11 and bathroom facilities, attached or detached from the primary residential unit, on a single-
12 family home;

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14 Whereas, rezoning to allow for ADUs will be a helpful tool in providing additional affordable
15 housing units, ensuring more opportunities for young families to purchase homes, helping elderly
16 individuals to stay in their homes, and adding new opportunities for our building industry;

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18 Whereas, rezoning to allow for ADUs would allow for the currently illegal ADUs to be brought
19 up to safety code.

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21 Whereas, the vacancy rate in Missoula is approximately 3%, compared to a national average of
22 almost 10%;

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24 Whereas, more than 10,000 students live off-campus in non-University owned rental units;

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26 Whereas, ADUs will be owner occupied, so residents and neighbors of ADUs will not have to
27 deal with the adverse effects of having an absent landlord.

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29 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM supports drafting amendments to Missoula Zoning
30 Ordinance 20.45.060, entitled ‘Accessory Dwelling Units.’

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32 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Katherine
33 Brady, Director of the ASUM Off-Campus Renter Center, for entrance into the public record at
34 the next appropriate public meeting regarding ADUs.

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37 Passed by Committee: _____, 2013

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40 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013

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44 Damara Simpson,
45 Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate