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2 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
3 **Resolution Regarding CI 102**
4 **September 16, 2009**
5 **Senate Bill SB2-09/10**

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12 Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana are elected to represent students and
13 protect student's rights;

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15 Whereas, Constitutional Initiative 102 (CI 102) as proposed by the Montana Pro-Life coalition for the
16 2010 ballot, would extend due process to fertilized human eggs by redefining "person" in section 17 of
17 Article 2 of the Montana State Constitution;

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19 Whereas, CI 102 would severely jeopardize a woman's right to exercise control of her own body;

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21 Whereas, women make up approximately 54 percent of the student population on campus;

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23 Whereas, Montana has a long constitutional tradition of guaranteeing the right to privacy to all
24 individuals;

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26 Whereas, CI 102 would direct the Montana legislature to pass laws directly contrary to established US
27 Supreme Court interpretations of the Constitution of the United States;

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29 Whereas, CI 102 would direct the state legislature to eliminate the availability of emergency contraception;

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31 Whereas, eliminating the availability of reproductive choice would negatively affect students' right to
32 privacy, economic independence and a quality education;

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34 Whereas, all students have these basic human rights;

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36 Therefore Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of the University of Montana opposes CI 102.
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39 Passed by Committee: _____, 2009

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41 Passed by Senate: _____, 2009

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45 _____, 2009
46 Andrew Dusek, Emily May,
47 Relations and Affairs Chair Chair of the Senate
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