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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding the Open Space Bond and City Stewardship Levy**
3 **October 15th, 2018**
4 **SB10-18/19**

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9 Whereas, The passing of the Open Space Bond (OSB) would provide approximately \$15 million
10 to Missoula County for acquisitions of land and capital improvements on existing space;

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12 Whereas, These funds may be utilized for, but are not limited to, the improvement of Clark Fork
13 River access between the Madison Street Bridge and Higgins Street Bridge. This improvement
14 would include the addition of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible pathways,
15 additional riverside beaches, and revegetation for controlled river access;

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17 Whereas, These funds may be utilized for, but are not limited to, the building of additional trail
18 corridors throughout Missoula to provide safe access to recreational activities for citizens;

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20 Whereas, The passing of the City Stewardship Levy (CSL) would provide approximately
21 \$500,000 a year to cover the cost of preservation for the lands and projects acquired by the OSB;

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23 Whereas, This preservation may include, but is not limited to, the cleaning of homeless
24 encampments, managing weed populations, improving parking structures near trailheads and
25 water access points, as well as general trail management;

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27 Whereas, The total cost to property owners for the joint passing of the OSB and CSL would be
28 approximately \$2.50 per month, based on the average property value in the City of Missoula;

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30 Whereas, Missoula has historically shown support for similar initiatives, including the OSB
31 passed in 2006 which provided \$10 million in tax collections from the community, an amount
32 that was then matched by various Missoula businesses and coalitions to total \$40 million;

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34 Whereas, The passing of the above initiatives would assist University of Montana students and
35 faculty in upholding our mission to “partner with place” by connecting them to additional and
36 improved outdoor recreational activities;

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38 Therefore, Let Be Resolved, That ASUM endorses the OSB and CSL appearing on the
39 November 6th, 2018 ballot;

40 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Bryan von Lossberg, Hiedi
41 West, Jordan Hess, Mirtha Becerra, Heather Harp, Gwen Jones, John DiBari, Jesse L. Ramos,
42 Stacie M. Anderson, Julie Armstrong, Michelle Cares, and Julie Merritt, Missoula City Council
43 Members; Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana; Jane Kelly, Missoula
44 Neighborhoods Coordinator; Jean Curtiss, Cola Rowley, and David Strohmaier, Missoula
45 County Commissioners.

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48 Passed by Committee: _____, 2018

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50 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2018

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Mariah Welch,

56 Chair of the Senate

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Brenna Davis,

56 Vice Chair of Student Political Action