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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Encouraging The University of Montana to Build and Maintain Emergency**
3 **Stations On Campus**

4 **September 23, 2021**

5 **SB16-21/22**

6 **Authored by: Elizabeth Bowles; ASUM Senator;**
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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) are representatives for
9 the interests of students;

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11 Whereas, ASUM and University of Montana (UM) have a duty to assure safety to their students
12 and the students they represent;

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14 Whereas, There is only one emergency station near the Washington Grizzly Stadium, located on
15 the North West end;

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17 Whereas; During events held at Washington Grizzly Stadium, said emergency station is
18 occasionally fenced off;

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20 Whereas, UM has had at least 20 crimes reported every month of 2021 on the main campus and
21 frequent bear alerts last year according to the documented crime reports provided by UM Police
22 Department in accordance with the Clery Act¹²;

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24 Whereas, Football stadiums are statistically a higher risk location on college campuses for crime,
25 including human trafficking, kidnapping, mugging, etc³;

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27 Whereas, There are minimal emergency phones located near residential halls on campus⁴;

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29 Whereas, The emergency stations are not consistently maintained and have failed to call
30 emergency services when pressed, which leaves possible victims continuously vulnerable while
31 awaiting help;

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33 Whereas, There are no current or future plans to implement more emergency stations on campus
34 according to Brian Kerns, the campus Building Operations Project Engineer, and Brad Griffin,
35 UM Chief of Police;

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37 Whereas, For campus safety, more emergency stations should be built, strategically placed, and
38 consistently maintained for all campus visitors in case of emergency situations, which allows
39 them to have more security while doing day to day activities;

¹ "Um Police Department Daily Crime Log." *UM Police Department Daily Crime Log*,
<https://www.umt.edu/clery/crime-log/default.php>.

² *Annual Campus Security and Fire Safety Report* . 2020, https://www.umt.edu/clery/acsfpr/acsfpr_2020.pdf.

³ Lapchick, Richard. "The State of Human Trafficking and Sports." *ESPN*, ESPN Internet Ventures, 29 Jan. 2019,
https://www.espn.com/espn/story/_/id/25876477/the-rise-exposure-human-trafficking-sports-world.

⁴ "Um Police Department." *UM Police Department - University Of Montana*, <https://www.umt.edu/police/personal-safety/Emergency%20Resources/Emergency%20Phones.php>.

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Whereas, In order to have a safe campus, it's important that the emergency phones are maintained and more are being placed strategically around campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM encourages UM to install more emergency buttons, with at least one put on the South side of the Washington Grizzly Stadium, as well as encourages other emergency stations to be placed in parts of campus where there are higher crime reports, high traffic, and dense population areas of campus;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the emergency stations on campus are checked and maintained every year and the conditions be reported to ASUM and the Campus Safety Committee;


Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the emergency stations on campus are maintained in response to complaints of deficiencies;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM encourages new implementations of emergency stations on campus to have updated commodities such as video surveillance for evidence in instances where the station is used but there is no person(s) upon UMPD arrival;

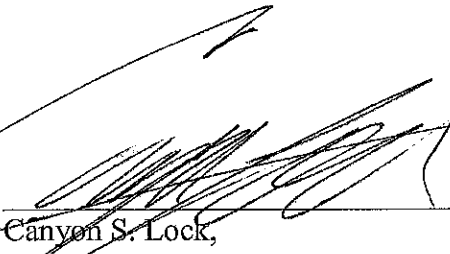
Therefore, Let it Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Brian Kerns, Building Operations Project Engineer; Chris Newlon, Building Operations Maintenance Supervisor; Paul Lasiter, Vice President for Operations and Finance; Brad Griffin, UM Chief of Police; Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana.

Passed by Committee: September 26, 2021

Passed by ASUM Senate: September 29, 2021



Elizabeth Bowles,
Chair of the Relations & Affairs Committee



Canyon S. Lock,
Chair of the Senate

Passed Unanimously.