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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Electronic Cigarettes in the UC**
3 **February 5, 2014**
4 **SB57-13/14**

5 **Authored by: Samuel Thompson, ASUM Senator**
6 **Sponsored by: Anita Green, ASUM Senator; Asa Hohman, ASUM President;**
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8 Whereas, during the fall semester of 2011 the University of Montana (UM) became a tobacco-
9 free campus, not a nicotine-free campus;

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11 Whereas, the Tobacco-Free Policy was implemented due to the following:

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13 *“Support Quitters. Most tobacco users want to quit. The policy creates an environment*
14 *that supports their efforts. Increased cessation support for employees and students will*
15 *give the tools and the policy will create the supportive environment.*

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17 *Reduce the number of new smokers. College has become an environment that*
18 *encourages smoking. Students report smoking more or even starting smoking in college.*
19 *The policy will create an environment that inhibits tobacco use rather than promotes it.”;*
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21 Whereas, many students at UM use tobacco-free electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) in order to help quit
22 smoking cigarettes, and eventually quit nicotine use;

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24 Whereas, the nicotine liquid contained in e-cigs is manufactured in the United States of America
25 (USA) and contains six major ingredients: distilled water, nicotine, vegetable glycerin, natural
26 flavors, artificial flavors, and citric acid;

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28 Whereas, the University Center (UC) Board voted on Monday, November 18, 2013 to ban the use
29 of e-cigs, or other breathable vapor devices that create the appearance of smoking, in the UC;

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31 Whereas, the UC Board, by a vote of four to one, banned e-cigs due to the fact that guests and
32 staff assumed that e-cigs and other tobacco-free products were included in the campus-wide
33 tobacco-free policy;

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35 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM does not support the UC Board’s decision to
36 ban all e-cig use in the UC;

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM encourages the UC Board to repeal the current
39 ban on e-cigs;

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41 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM does not support any effort to ban e-cigs
42 across campus until further research has been done;

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44 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Royce Engstrom,
45 President of UM; the UC Board; and UM’s Tobacco Taskforce.

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47 Passed by Committee: February 3, 2014

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49 Passed by ASUM Senate: February 5, 2014

50 Final Vote: 12Y-9N-2A
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55 Sean McQuillan,
Relations and Affairs Chair

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55 Mariah Williams,
Chair of the Senate