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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**

5                                   **Authored by: Eamon Ormseth, 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

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Bryn Hagfors,  
Chair of the Senate