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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending Bylaws**
3 **April 17, 2013**
4 **SB78-12/13**

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10 Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) have a vested
11 interest in prudent spending;

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13 Whereas, a primary election can be expensive;

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15 Whereas, holding a primary election just to eliminate one or two candidates in a limited
16 election season denies the student body additional time to decide upon candidates;

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18 Whereas, primary elections are best used to narrow a wide field of candidates;

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20 Whereas, a primary election should not be cancelled if a substantial minority of the
21 student body wishes for one to be held;

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23 Whereas, ASUM should update its by-laws and policies to suit a changing organization;

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25 Whereas, Article V, Section 3, Subsection A, Part 3 of ASUM Bylaws states:

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27 3. A primary election shall be held for each Executive position having more than
28 two (2) candidates. If a primary election is held, the two (2) candidates for each
29 position with the highest number of primary votes will enter the general election.
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31 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that Article V, Section 3, Subsection A, Part 3 of the
32 ASUM Bylaws shall be amended to state:

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34 3. A primary election shall be held for each Executive position having more than
35 two (2) candidates. If a primary election is held, the two (2) candidates for each
36 position with the highest number of primary votes will enter the general election.
37 **If only one Executive position has enough candidates running to warrant a**
38 **primary election, the primary election may be omitted if approved by a two-**
39 **thirds (2/3) majority vote of the ASUM Senate.**
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41 Passed by Committee: _____, 2013

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44 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013
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49 Damara Simpson,
50 Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate