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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Board of Regents AIDS Policy 1908**

3 **April 17, 2013**

4 **SB79-12/13**

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9 **Large**

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11 Whereas, Montana Board of Regents (BOR) Policy 1908 appears to be a reactionary
12 policy written at the height of the AIDS crisis;

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14 Whereas, BOR Policy 1908 seems to not be based in current scientific fact;

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16 Whereas, the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is almost always transmitted
17 sexually, through the sharing of needles or rarely through direct exposure to another
18 person's blood;

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20 Whereas, it is unlikely that there will ever be a significant risk of transmitting HIV in a
21 school setting during approved university activities;

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23 Whereas, the outdated and offensive language and assumptions of this policy further
24 propagates stigma against individuals who are infected with HIV;

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26 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of the University of
27 Montana (ASUM) urge the BOR to remove Policy 1908.

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29 Therefore, Let It Be Ordered, that the ASUM Executives ensure that a copy of this
30 resolution is sent to the members of the Montana Board of Regents, the Montana
31 Associated Students, and The Associated Students of Montana State University.

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33 Passed by Committee: _____, 2013

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36 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2013

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41 Damara Simpson,
 Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate