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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Senate Bill 280**
3 **February 16, 2011**
4 **Senate Bill SB19-10/11**
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7 Whereas students within the Montana University System are required to possess valid insurance
8 to attend school;

9 Whereas the Montana University System currently offers a fully insured group health plan as the
10 only alternative to private insurance;

11 Whereas the cost of obtaining the fully insured group plan may present an affordability barrier to
12 students wishing to attend the University of Montana or other institutions within the Montana
13 University System;

14 Whereas SB 280, An Act Authorizing the Commissioner of Higher Education to Develop a Self-
15 Insured Student Health Plan for Enrolled Students of the Montana University System and Their
16 Dependants, will provide an affordable alternative to the Group Health Plan;

17 Whereas SB 280 has the support of the Montana University System and the Commissioner of
18 Higher Education;

19 Whereas current Montana Law only allows for self-insuring for employer-based programs;

20 Whereas the Self –Insured Student Plan has the opportunity to significantly reduce the insurance
21 overhead costs;

22 Whereas the State of Montana will not have to shoulder the costs for the creation or
23 implementation of the Self-Insured Program;

24 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana
25 endorses and supports SB 280;

26 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana
27 instructs Student Lobbyist Jenifer Gursky to support the passage of SB 280.

28 Passed by ASUM Senate with unanimous consent, February 16, 2011