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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding the MontPIRG Fee**
3 **March 30, 2011**
4 **Senate Bill SB34-10/11**
5 **Authored by: Patrick Rhea, ASUM Senator,**
6 **and Rob Olsen, MontPIRG Board Chair**
7 **Sponsored By: Ashleen Williams, ASUM President,**
8 **and Alison Wren, ASUM Senator**
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10 Whereas 1040 students (approximately ~~8%~~ *eight percent* of the student population) have
11 signed a petition in support of the MontPIRG fee being placed on the spring ASUM
12 ballot;

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14 Whereas the ASUM bylaws require the signatures of ~~5%~~ *five percent* (at least 656) of the
15 full-time student population in support of a fee for that fee to be placed on the ballot;

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17 Whereas the 1040 students signing the MontPIRG petition are requesting that specific
18 ballot language be included in the April 2011 election;

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20 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM will place the question of a \$5.00 refundable
21 MontPIRG Fee on the ballot this spring for the 2011 election;

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23 Therefore, Let It Be Further resolved that the ballot language will read as follows:

24
25 MontPIRG Fee

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27 For thirty years, MontPIRG has trained the next generation of civic leaders by
28 providing University of Montana students with meaningful ways to address
29 important social problems. MontPIRG is a student directed, nonpartisan
30 organization that works to protect consumers, promote good government,
31 encourage clean energy development and ensure a clean and healthful
32 environment for Montanans. By pooling their resources, U of M students hire
33 professional staff that help provide skills, mentoring and guidance for students
34 that become active citizens. This year students worked to protect the North Fork,
35 make textbooks more affordable, raise money for local shelters, cap interest rates
36 on predatory payday loans, and bring more renewable energy to our state.

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38 Do you support the continuation of a MontPIRG chapter at The University of
39 Montana funded by a \$5 per student, per semester refundable fee? Any student
40 not wanting to pay the fee can get a refund at any time.

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42 Yes, I support the continuation of a \$5 per semester, refundable fee for
43 MontPIRG.
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45 No, I do not support the continuation of a \$5 per semester, refundable fee for
46 MontPIRG.

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49 Passed by Committee: _____, 2011

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51 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2011

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57 Travis Suzuki,
58 Relations and Affairs Chair

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57 Amanda Stovall,
58 Chair of the Senate

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