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1                                   **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution in Support of the Designated Suppliers Program**  
  **October 21, 2009**  
  **Senate Bill SB10-09/10**

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**Sponsored by: Vice President Emily May, Senator Ella Torti, Senator Kacie Engum**

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4   Whereas, The University of Montana is affiliated with the Worker Rights Consortium (WRC),  
5   “an independent labor rights monitoring organization conducting investigations of working  
6   conditions in factories around the globe”;

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8   Whereas, the Designated Suppliers Program (DSP) is “a comprehensive program for enhancing  
9   the enforcement of university codes of conduct”;

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11   Whereas, the DSP provides remediation plans to be implemented if they are necessitated by the  
12   monitoring reports The University of Montana receives from the WRC concerning their apparel  
13   producing factories conditions;

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15   Whereas, the DSP requires universities to source apparel from factories that have been  
16   independently verified to supply their workers with a regionally appropriate living wage and  
17   other essential workers rights;

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19   Whereas, the DSP is to be implemented in phases so that factories The University of Montana  
20   sources from are able to make changes to meet the requirements within a grace period ranging  
21   from six months to three years;

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23   Whereas, endorsement of the DSP is integral in order to verify that The University of Montana’s  
24   apparel is not made under “sweat-shop” or inhumane factory conditions;

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26   Whereas, the Associated Students of The University of Montana have passed resolutions  
27   supporting the endorsement of the Designated Suppliers Program during each of the last 3  
28   sessions of the ASUM Senate (2008-2009, 2007-2008, 2006-2007);

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30   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the Associated Students of The University of Montana  
31   support the endorsement of the Designated Suppliers Program.  
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Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

Passed by Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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34   Andrew Dusek,  
      Relations and Affairs Chair

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Emily May,  
Chair of the Senate