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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Smoking Policy Signs**
3 **October 1, 2008**
4 **Senate Bill Number SB13-08/09**
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7 Whereas, the prevalence of smoking has decreased among the general population but risen among college
8 students, with 28% of UM students reporting use of tobacco products at least once a month;
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10 Whereas, over 90 percent of University of Montana students think UM should address tobacco use on campus;
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12 Whereas, the American College Health Association has strongly recommended restricting smoking areas to
13 reduce exposure to secondhand smoke;
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15 Whereas, The University of Montana receives funding to address tobacco use among college students, focusing
16 on prevention of initiation, reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, promotion of cessation and reducing
17 disparities;
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19 Whereas, the Tobacco Task Force has implemented a campus-wide survey of students and made
20 recommendations to improve enforcement of the 25-foot boundary around campus buildings;
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22 Whereas, 83 percent of UM students think it is important that a 25-foot boundary around campus buildings be
23 kept smoke-free, but 78 percent feel the policy is not being followed;
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25 Whereas, some buildings clearly state the message of a 25-foot boundary, while others are not marked or
26 display unclear, outdated messages;
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28 Whereas, the Tobacco Task Force has found that moving receptacles, improving or replacing signs and ground
29 markings will increase compliance with the outdoor smoking ban;
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31 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM supports the action plan proposed by the Tobacco Task Force for
32 replacement and improvement of smoking policy signs.
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35 Passed by Committee: _____, 2008

36 Passed by Senate: October 1, 2008

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38 Andrew Dusek, Chair
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