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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Supporting Online Voter Registration**
October 29th, 2008
Senate Bill Number 25
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4 Whereas, voting is a fundamental right in democracy but current voter registration processes are very
5 inefficient in today's digital age;
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7 Whereas, every election cycle organizations spend tens of millions of dollars nationwide, and thousands
8 of volunteers nationwide devote time and energy to registering eligible voters in their area;
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10 Whereas, an online voter registration process would save Montana, time, energy and money, as well as
11 making our voter registration process much more efficient and accessible;
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13 Whereas, Washington, Arizona, and California currently have laws allowing their voters to register to
14 vote online;
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16 Whereas, people currently can file their taxes online, renew car tabs and a driver's license online, make
17 travel arrangements from a website, bank at home, and handle stock transactions through the internet,
18 among a variety of other things all by accessing the internet on a computer;
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20 Whereas, in Washington State, the charge for instant online voter registration was lead by students who
21 pushed the legislation and generated the political support necessary to pass the bill;
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23 Whereas, online registration will improve the integrity of elections;
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25 Whereas, students, and all citizens, are more likely to register to vote when the opportunity is more
26 accessible and less invasive;
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28 Therefore Let It Be Resolved that ASUM will work to make online voter registration possible in the State
29 of Montana.
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31 Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM will make local legislators aware of our support for online
32 registration by providing copies of this resolution to each.
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Passed by Committee: _____, 2008

Passed by Senate: _____, 2008

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36 Andrew Dusek,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Siri Smillie,
Chair of the Senate