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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding Kyi-Yo Fee**  
3                                   **February 11, 2015**  
4                                   **SB70-14/15**

5                                   **Authored by: Iva Croff**

6                                   **Sponsored by: Trail Bundy, ASUM Senator; Kevin Skunk Cap, ASUM Senator**

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8       Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) has received interest  
9       from students and staff of the University to support UM's Kyi-Yo Native American Student  
10       Association's Annual Celebration, by approving a student fee increase.

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12       Whereas, This fee increase would be accumulated for the sole purpose of providing consistent  
13       financial support for the Kyi-Yo Pow-Wow, an annual cultural event held each spring on the  
14       University of Montana campus and is the foremost student-led cultural event that has taken place  
15       on the UM campus for over 50 years;

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17       Whereas, ASUM is committed to supporting the University in its mission to encourage and  
18       celebrate the differences within a culturally diverse campus community;

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20       Whereas, ASUM recognizes that the Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association, also referred  
21       to as the Kyi-Yo Student Club, is open to any interested student who would like to participate in  
22       the planning, organizing, and fund-raising for the annual Kyi-Yo Pow-Wow;

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24       Whereas, ASUM recognizes that the mission of the Kyi-Yo Student Club is to bridge the faculty  
25       and students of the University of Montana with the communities of Missoula and surrounding  
26       areas by engaging in the cultural traditions in order to unify and promote the cultural identity of  
27       Native Americans;

28       Whereas, Each year, UM contributes \$20,000 to the event, and the Kyi-Yo Club raises roughly  
29       \$10,000 through an array of often time-consuming endeavors, which leaves a balance of  
30       approximately \$20,000 to be recouped by charging an admission fee for what is frequently a free  
31       event at other university campuses;

32       Whereas, ASUM applauds the fundraising efforts of the Kyi-Yo Club and their volunteers, but  
33       lacks the budgetary means to implement support of a substantial, continuous award, or donation  
34       to the Pow-Wow every year;

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36       Whereas, a nominal fee of \$1.00 listed on the student registration bill would significantly  
37       enhance the budget for the Pow-Wow and alleviate the need to seek donations from a community  
38       who already gives so generously to many other activities and scholarships at the UM;

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40       Whereas, The aforementioned student fee would allow the student body to have ownership in  
41       this culturally unique celebration, thus eliminating the necessity to charge admission to the event  
42       which would allow more community members, university students, and school-age children to  
43       attend and participate in the event and become more acquainted with the UM campus and  
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Whereas, Students deserve the right to vote on any increase in the fees they pay;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that the following referenda language be placed on the May 2015 ballot, reading as follows:

ASUM is requesting a \$1.00 fee increase to the activity fee in order to sustain the Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association’s Annual Kyi-Yo Pow-Wow, thus reflecting the University of Montana student body’s desire to enhance the campus community and bridge the gap among disparate groups of students, and boost interaction between students of various races, ethnicities, and cultural groups.

Yes, I support an increase in the activity fee by \$1.00 for the Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association and Kyi-Yo Student Pow-Wow.

No, I do not support an increase in the activity fee by \$1.00 for the Kyi-Yo Native American Student Association and Kyi-Yo Student Pow-Wow.

Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2015

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Sarah Smith  
Relations and Affairs Chair

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Sean McQuillan,  
Chair of the Senate