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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding Off-Campus Student Housing**

3 **April 15, 2015**

4 **SB85-14/15**

5 **Authored by: Cody Meixner, ASUM Senator**

6 **Sponsored by:**

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8 Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act eliminates a distinction in
9 existing tax law that would allow tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations to
10 make grants to non-university owned, not-for-profit student housing entities that provide
11 collegiate student housing;

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13 Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act would make college more
14 affordable, costing taxpayers \$148 million dollars over ten years, by offering housing
15 alternatives that are less expensive than university housing;

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17 Whereas, the Collegiate Housing and Infrastructure Act results in safer student housing
18 by encouraging charitable contributions to collegiate housing to be used for the
19 installation of life saving equipment such as fire sprinklers, smoke detectors, and alarm
20 systems;

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22 Whereas, according to Julie Bryant Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority
23 Involvement, more than 205 students currently live in non-university owned, not-for-
24 profit, student housing at the University of Montana (UM);

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26 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of the University of
27 Montana (ASUM) supports Congressional passage of the Collegiate Housing and
28 Infrastructure Act;

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30 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM requests the Montana Congressional
31 Delegation of the United States Congress to support the Collegiate Housing and
32 Infrastructure Act;

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to U.S.
35 Senator Jon Tester, U.S. Senator Steve Daines, U.S. Representative Ryan Zinke, UM
36 President Royce Engstrom, and Assistant Director for Fraternity and Sorority
37 Involvement Julie Bryant.

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39 Passed by Committee:

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41 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015

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44 Sean McQuillan
45 Chair of the Senate

Sarah Smith
Relations and Affairs Chair