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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University Of Montana**  
2 **Resolution Supporting the Offset of Commuting Emissions through UMPD Parking Permit**  
3 **Sales**

4                                   **May 6, 2015**

5                                   **SB94-14/15**

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7                   **Sponsored by: Sean McQuillan, ASUM Vice President**

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9   Whereas, The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) represents the  
10 collective interests of students;

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12   Whereas, ASUM supports a sustainable campus community for improving stewardship of the  
13 environment and embracing a responsibility to mitigate Climate Change;

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15   Whereas, ASUM has supported many sustainability efforts including student transportation, the  
16 KRELF fund, and various campus projects and initiatives;

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18   Whereas, in 2010, University of Montana President George Dennison signed The University of  
19 Montana (UM) Climate Action Plan which specified that UM Achieve carbon neutrality by  
20 2020;

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22   Whereas, University commuting emissions contribute 9% to its overall yearly carbon footprint  
23 and is an inherent part of the University's daily operations;

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25   Whereas, the UM Climate Action Plan outlines three strategies to achieve carbon neutrality:  
26 energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon offsets;

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28   Whereas, carbon offsets are an effective method for dealing with unavoidable emissions, such as  
29 those associated with commuting;

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31   Whereas, The University of Montana has showed interest in purchasing carbon offsets at the  
32 Campus Climate Conversation of the Fall 2014 Semester and has recently purchased carbon  
33 offsets to help us reach our 2015 emission reduction goals;

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35   Whereas, The University of Montana Police Department manages parking permit sales and has  
36 proposed an increase in permit pricing for the coming academic year to be either affirmed or  
37 denied by the Montana University System Board of Regents May 21st and 22nd 2015;

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39   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM supports the use of carbon offsets to reach our carbon  
40 neutrality goals;

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42   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that, if the price increase for parking permits is approved  
43 by the Board of Regents, ASUM supports applying \$3 of the price increase for yearlong permits  
44 and \$1.50 of the price increase for semester-long permits to the purchase of carbon offsets;

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46 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that ASUM recommends these measures by sending a  
47 copy of this resolution to Director of UMPD Marty Ludemann, President Royce Engstrom, Vice  
48 President Michael Reid, and Sustainability Coordinator Eva Rocke.

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52 Passed by Committee:

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

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58 Sarah Smith,  
59 Chair of Relations & Affairs

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Sean McQuillan,  
Chair of the Senate