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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding ASUM's Potential Endorsement of The Missoula City Council's**
3 **Proposed Final Draft of the Background Check Ordinance**

4 **October 28th, 2015**

5 **SB23-15/16**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is the representative
9 body of the students of the University of Montana;

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11 Whereas, ASUM acknowledges recent mass school shootings across the country;

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13 Whereas, ASUM should stand in solidarity with the students of Umpqua Community College in
14 Roseburg, Oregon; Sandy Hook Elementary School, Newtown, Connecticut; Columbine High
15 School, Littleton, Colorado; and many other schools across the country that have been affected
16 by gun violence;

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18 Whereas, the national organization, Moms Demand Action has compiled statistics on gun
19 violence, showing that every day in America, an average of 88 people are killed by gun violence;

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21 Whereas, they also found that in states that require background checks, 46% fewer women are
22 shot and killed by intimate partners, 48% fewer people commit suicide with guns, and 48%
23 fewer law enforcement officers are killed with handguns;

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25 Whereas, the U.S Center for Disease Control (CDC) has named the State of Montana as the 6th
26 highest gun death rate;

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28 Whereas, the potential mandate by the city of Missoula implies that instant criminal background
29 checks within Missoula County would seek to prevent firearms from going into the hands of
30 individuals with a criminal history, mental illness and minors;

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32 Whereas, Moms Demand Action has conducted a petition for the ordinance showing that 79% of
33 all Montanans support requiring background checks on all firearms;

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35 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM stands in solidarity with all College, High School,
36 and Elementary campuses across the country against the epidemic of gun violence that our
37 country is facing;

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39 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM endorses the final draft of The Missoula City
40 Council's proposed gun ordinance;

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42 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Missoula City
43 Council at council@ci.missoula.mt.us.
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46 Passed by Committee: _____, 2015

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48 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2015

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Kaitlin Hopingardner,
53 Relations and Affairs Chair

Betsy Story,
Chair of the Senate