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**The Associated Students of the University of Montana
“Resolution Amending Tobacco Free UM: Policy 1019”**

3/10/2017

SB72-16/17

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Senator**

Sponsored by: Linda Green, Wellness Director at Curry Health Center;

Whereas, on August 28, 2011, the University of Montana introduced Policy 1019; and

Whereas, this policy was called “Tobacco Free UM” and it prohibits the use, distribution, or sale of tobacco products on property that is owned, leased, or used for specific events by the University or any of its components and will not accept any funding, grant, gift, or sponsorship from a manufacturer or distributor of tobacco products; and

Whereas, for the purpose of the policy, “tobacco” includes any tobacco product that is present in a lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, bidi, clove cigarette, smokeless or spit tobacco, dissolvable tobacco, hookah shisha, snuff or snus, kretek, or cigarillo; and

Whereas, this amendment is prefaced on the report by Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, the United States Surgeon General, titled, *E-Cigarette Use Among Youth and Young Adults*; and

Whereas, this report stated “tobacco use among youth and young adults in any form, including e-cigarettes, is not safe. . . E-cigarettes are tobacco products that deliver nicotine. Nicotine is a highly addictive substance, and many of today’s youth who are using e-cigarettes could become tomorrow’s cigarette smokers;” and

Whereas, according to the US Surgeon General, E-cigarette use has grown 900% among high school students from 2011 to 2015 and are currently the most commonly used form of tobacco among youth in the United States; and

Whereas, according to the US Surgeon General, effects of nicotine in youth and young adults can result reduced impulse control, deficits in attention and cognition, and mood disorders such as anxiety and depression; and

Whereas, American Nonsmokers’ Rights Foundation has concluded that 1,331 colleges and universities have enacted an e-cigarette free policy in order to protect their students and faculty from the harmful effects of e-cigarettes; and

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that by the Amendment of this Policy, the University of Montana will add E-cigarettes to the current Tobacco Free Policy and further protect our students, faculty, and staff from the harmful effects of nicotine and other chemicals present in E-cigarettes; and

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that upon implementation of this policy, the University of Montana and its components will champion and uphold foresaid policy.

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that upon passage of this resolution it be sent to Univeristy of Montana President Sheila Stearns, Vice President of Enrollment and Student Affairs Tom Crady, Faculty Senate Chair John DeBoer, and Staff Senate President Jen Zellmer-Cuaresma.

Passed by Committee: _____, 2017

Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2017

Elizabeth Engebretson
Chair of the Senate