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1                           **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                           **Resolution Regarding the 2017 ASUM Special Election**  
3   **05/02/2017**  
4   **SB85-16/17**

5                           **Authored by: Sam Forstag, ASUM President;**  
6   **Sponsored by:**  
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8   Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) recently conducted its  
9   2017 ASUM Elections, in which 2,375 students cast their votes;

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11   Whereas, The 2017 ASUM Elections resulted in a tie of 582 votes each between the Senate  
12   candidates placing 26<sup>th</sup> in total votes received;

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14   Whereas, The aforementioned tie vote leaves ASUM unable to fill the currently-vacant 26<sup>th</sup> seat  
15   on the 2017 – 2018 ASUM Senate;

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17   Whereas, Article V, Section 5 of ASUM Bylaws, ‘Counting’ states:

18                           *“F. A tie vote in a general election shall result in the Election Committee providing for a*  
19                           *special election to determine a winner, provided that the tie results in the position not*  
20                           *being filled.”*  
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23   Whereas, Article V, Section 9.G of ASUM Bylaws states:

24                           *“G. The necessity for a special election shall be determined by the ASUM Senate with a*  
25                           *two-thirds (2/3) majority vote, except as provided for in Article 5, Section 5.F of ASUM*  
26                           *Bylaws.”*  
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29   Whereas, Article V, Section 5.H of ASUM Bylaws states:

30                           *“H. Official results of primary, general, and special elections require the signature of the*  
31                           *Elections Committee chair, the outgoing President, and the faculty advisor, or their*  
32                           *designees.”*  
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35   Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, That ASUM shall conduct a Special Election running from May  
36   8<sup>th</sup> at 12:01am to May 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm for the specific purpose of filling the vacant Senate seat;

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38   Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That the 2017 ASUM Special Election will include a  
39   single ballot item listing the two candidates who tied for the 26<sup>th</sup> seat on the 2017-18 ASUM  
40   Senate;

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42   Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, that the 2017 ASUM Special Election shall be conducted  
43   on the University of Montana mobile application to ensure consistency and maintain accessibility  
44   for Senate candidates and student voters;

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46 Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That the 2016 – 2017 ASUM Elections committee, as  
47 currently comprised shall oversee and confirm the results of the 2017 Special Election;

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49 Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, That the ASUM Executives and ASUM Elections  
50 Committee will work with the Montana Kaimin to provide advance notice of the 2017 Special  
51 Election on Thursday through Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

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54 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Elizabeth Engebretson  
Chair of the Senate