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# SB11-19/20:Resolution Establishing the Mental Health Advocacy and Education Ad Hoc Committee

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2       **Resolution Establishing the Mental Health Advocacy and Education Ad Hoc Committee**  
3                                   **August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
4                                   **SB11 – 19/20**

5                   **Authored by: Tina Brennan, ASUM Senator; Lyssa Ann Schei, ASUM Senator**

6                   **Sponsored by:**

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8       Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) student government  
9       must acknowledge its position as advocates on behalf of the student community at-large at the  
10       University of Montana (UM);

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12       Whereas, Mental illness is a large problem in the state of Montana, and according to the Center  
13       for Disease Control (CDC), Montana leads the nation in suicide rates for adults;

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15       Whereas, It is ASUM's responsibility to acknowledge, address, and help alleviate issues campus-  
16       wide, including that of mental health;

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18       Whereas, Curry Health Center (CHC), ASUM and the UM Mental Health Allies of the  
19       University of Montana are allies with the common goal of keeping the student body healthy  
20       physically, mentally, and emotionally;

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22       Whereas, CHC is the non-emergency healthcare provider for students at UM;

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24       Whereas, CHC already conducts multiple programs that address physical, dental, sexual, and  
25       mental health;

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27       Whereas, Mental health is a complex and multifaceted issue that cannot be solved with a simple  
28       “one-size-fits-all” solution;

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30       Whereas, Mental health can be exacerbated by the Internet and social media's detrimental effects  
31       on the mental health of the typical college student;

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33       Whereas, College is a stressful experience which exacerbates the condition of those already  
34       predisposed to issues such as depression, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, or personality  
35       disorders;

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37       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM establish the Mental Health Advocacy and Education  
38       Ad Hoc Committee;

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40       Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the charge of this committee read:

41                   *The Associated Students of the University of Montana Mental Health Advocacy and*  
42                   *Education Ad Hoc Committee, in collaboration with Curry Health Center, will research*  
43                   *mental health trends at the University of Montana, educate students about topics*  
44                   *regarding mental illness, support on-campus resources dedicated to the betterment of*  
45                   *mental wellness, and elevate issues related to addressing mental health at large.;*  
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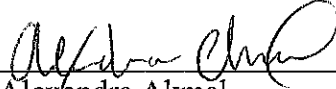
47 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Sarah Swager, Vice Provost  
48 for Student Success; Rick Curtis, Director of Curry Health Center; Drew Colling, Director of  
49 SARC, Kelly Webster, Chief of Staff; Amy Capolupo, Director of Disabilities Services for  
50 Students; Nathan Lindsay, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs; John Harbor, Provost; Julee Sterns,  
51 Health Promotions Specialist; Linda Green, Director of Wellness; and Shawn Grove, Director of  
52 Veteran Education and Transition Services

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55 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

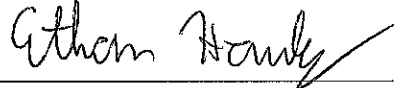
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57 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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Alexandra Akmal,  
62 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

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Ethan Hanley,  
62 Chair of the Senate

64 Passed by ASUM Senate; 11Y-8N-4A