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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding the List Format of the Constitution**
3 **November 12th, 2019**
4 **SB40-19/20**

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7 **Senator;**

8 **Sponsored by: Zoe Nelson, ASUM Senator;**
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10 Whereas, A Constitution establishes a system of government, defines the powers and functions
11 of the institutions of government, provides limits to state and non-state action, and regulates the
12 relations between institutions and its people;

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14 Whereas, The Constitution of the Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)
15 regulates the interactions between students of the University, members, and the Associated
16 Government;

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18 Whereas, The ASUM Constitution was last amended and approved by a student vote in 2012;

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20 Whereas, “ASUM shall be the representative body of the members of the Association, organized
21 exclusively for educational and non-profit purposes,” and “The primary responsibility of the
22 Association is to serve as an advocate for the general welfare of the students.”;

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24 Whereas, The ASUM Constitution is in need of general revision, clarification, and update to
25 reflect the values and needs of both students and the institution;

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27 Whereas, Amendments to the ASUM Constitution would better serve the general welfare of
28 students and the functions of government;

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30 Whereas, The ASUM Constitutional Revision Ad Hoc Committee was charged with exploring
31 amendments to the constitution to be enumerated and brought forth as amendments or revisions;

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33 Whereas, Those Articles included in the Constitution require clear formatting for the purposes of
34 comprehension;

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36 Whereas, The current list format of the Constitution has elements that are inconsistent
37 throughout;

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39 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the following language be submitted to the student body as a
40 referendum during the General Election in Spring, 2020:

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42 “The list formatting of the Constitution has inconsistencies that make comprehension difficult,
43 such as multiple list headers or some subsections floating free of any list structure. The proposed
44 changes will bind the Constitution to the following list style:

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46 **Article 1:**

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Section 1.
(Subsection) 1.
(Clause) a.
(Subclause) i.

Do you support these changes as a revision to the Constitution?

 Yes, I support these changes to the Constitution.

 No, I do not support these changes to the Constitution.”;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the free-form, underlying subsections in Article 10, Section 3 also be bound to this list format;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Grace Dunnehoff, Chair of the Elections Committee.

Passed by Committee: December 1st, 2019

Passed by ASUM Senate: December 4th, 2019

Alexandra Akmal
Alexandra Akmal,
Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Ethan Hanley
Ethan Hanley,
Chair of the Senate

Resolution Approved Unanimously