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## **SB2-20/21: Resolution Approving the UM Voter and Civic Engagement Committee's 2020 Campus Voter Plan**

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Approving the UM Voter and Civic Engagement Committee's 2020 Campus**  
3                                   **Voter Plan**  
4                                   **August 19, 2020**  
5                                   **SB 2-20/21**

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8       Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents and  
9       advocates for the interests of all University of Montana students;

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11       Whereas, Student representation and voices in government decision making at all levels foster  
12       civic engagement and investment in politics;

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14       Whereas, From 2014-2018, youth voter turnout (age 18-25) increased from 8% to 11% in  
15       government elections';

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17       Whereas, The 2020 United States elections will elect new local, state, and federal officials and its  
18       importance cannot be underscored enough;

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20       Whereas, Outreach and engagement for the 2020 elections has been challenging due to the  
21       COVID-19 pandemic;

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23       Whereas, The aforementioned whereas clauses signify the importance of approving new plans to  
24       engage students as a result of the COVID-pandemic;

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26       Whereas, The UM Voter and Civic Engagement Committee convenes annually to  
27       plan for student election engagement;

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29       Whereas, The Committee crafted a 2020 Campus Engagement Plan taking into consideration  
30       restraints posed by the COVID-19 pandemic;

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32       Whereas, The 2020 Campus Engagement Plan needs to be passed by the ASUM Senate and signed  
33       by University of Montana President, Seth Bodnar, before becoming official university policy;

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35       Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, The ASUM Senate approves the UM Voter and Civic Engagement  
36       Committee's Fall 2020 Campus Engagement Plan;

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38       Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the ASUM Senate will support initiatives which seek  
39       to increase youth voter engagement and registration for the 2020 United States elections;

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41       Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Andrea Vernon, Interim  
42       Director of Experiential Learning and Career Success; Katie Wilkins, Program and Event  
43       Coordinator at Experiential Learning and Career Success; Liz Albers, Executive Director of the  
44       Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG); Christina Barsky, Assistant  
45       Professor Department of Public Administration and Policy; Hailey Michelson, Branch Center and  
46       Student Involvement Network Advisor; Seth Bodnar, President of the University of Montana.

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49 Passed by ASUM Senate: August 19, 2020

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Patrick James Flanagan,

54 Chair of the Senate