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SB64-20/21: Resolution Condemning White Supremacy

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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Condemning White Supremacy**
3 **February 10th, 2021**
4 **SB64-20/21**

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

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7 Whereas, At the November 5th, 2020 ASUM meeting, the Associated Students of the University
8 of Montana (ASUM) Senate addressed concerns raised about anti-Black and homophobic
9 stickers placed on UDash bus stops around campus;

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11 Whereas, In this same meeting, ASUM determined that this behavior was also occurring within
12 the residence halls and has been an area of concern for Residence Life employees;

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14 Whereas, The Student Political Action Committee's Legislative Priority Survey rendered
15 alarming results, including commentary from students that was abrasively anti-Semitic;

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17 Whereas, Waterworks Hill, a popular Missoula landmark, was recently vandalized with white
18 supremacist, Nazi symbolism¹;

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20 Whereas, As of 2020, the Southern Poverty Law Center identified and tracked six separate hate
21 groups within the state of Montana, including several state-wide movements, with higher hate
22 groups per capita compared to surrounding states²;

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24 Whereas, White supremacist behavior and actions negatively impact the entire campus
25 community and further suppress and oppress minority communities;

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27 Whereas, ASUM's core values include inclusion, diversity, and advocacy;

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29 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the ASUM Senate formally condemns white supremacy,
30 bigotry, and racism both on campus and in the greater Missoula community and calls upon
31 campus leaders to do the same;

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM urges that those who incite violence be held
34 accountable and fully brought to justice under proper means, as well as urges that the University
35 further investigate covert on-campus actors and/or groups that may be perpetuating this issue;

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37 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM vows to work further with student groups
38 and leaders promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion to further the cause of unity on campus;

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¹ Press, MISSOULIAN STAFF and Associated. "Missoula Hillside Peace Sign Vandalized with Swastika." *Missoulian.com*, 10 Jan. 2021, [missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/missoula-hillside-peace-sign-vandalized-with-swastika/article_1b868f31-cd2e-54ca-b17f-cela0e7ba849.html](https://www.missoulian.com/news/state-and-regional/missoula-hillside-peace-sign-vandalized-with-swastika/article_1b868f31-cd2e-54ca-b17f-cela0e7ba849.html).

² "Hate Map." *Southern Poverty Law Center*, 1 Feb. 2021, www.splcenter.org/hate-map?state=MT.

40 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Seth Bodnar, President of
41 the University of Montana; Kelly Webster, Chief of Staff; Reed Humphrey, Interim Provost;
42 Chris Palmer, Chair of the Faculty Senate; Charity Atteberry, Chair of the Staff Senate; Sarah
43 Swager, Vice Provost for Student Success; Alicia Arant, Director of Equal Opportunity and Title
44 IX Coordinator; Marty Ludemann, Chief of University of Montana Police; Wilena Old Person,
45 Diversity Advisory Council Staff Co-Chair; Erin Baucom, Diversity Advisory Council Staff Co-
46 Chair; Valeria Miranda, Student Co-Chair of the Diversity Advisory Council; Isaac La'a, Student
47 Co-Chair of the Diversity Advisory Council.

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49 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

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51 Passed by ASUM Senate: February 24, 2020

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56 Noah Durnell,
Chair of Relations and Affairs

Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Senate