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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Clarifying the Definition of a Third Party**
3 **April 8th, 2021**
4 **SB78-20/21**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) is bound by its
8 bylaws;

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10 Whereas, Article VI, Section 1 of the Bylaws currently reads:

11 *E. "third party" refers to any person or entity who is not an ASUM member.;*
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13 Whereas, In a recent Senate meeting, the definition of what a third party came into question and
14 there was significant debate about what this definition means;

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16 Whereas, Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph L of the Bylaws currently reads:

17 *L. Candidates may only receive endorsements for their campaigns from individual-ASUM*
18 *activity fee-paying UM students. Individuals endorsing candidates may not speak on*
19 *behalf of any third-party organizations, including but not limited to, ASUM student*
20 *groups, fraternities and sororities, academic departments, UM sports teams, non-profit*
21 *organizations, and private companies; however, individuals endorsing candidates may*
22 *mention their involvement in any of these groups without it being perceived as a group*
23 *endorsement;*
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25 Whereas, The above section defines what an acceptable endorsement is;

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27 Whereas, In a recent Senate meeting, the scope of what an acceptable endorsement was called
28 into question;

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30 Whereas, These sections need to be clearly defined so there is no further confusion and a clear
31 bright-line exists in the Bylaws;

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That Article VI, Section 1, Paragraph E be amended to read:

34 *E. "third party" refers to any person or entity who is not an ASUM member. **An entity***
35 ***that does not clearly represent an individual fee-paying ASUM member is considered a***
36 ***third party. Social media accounts that do not appear to represent an ASUM member***
37 ***are considered third parties.***
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39 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That Article VI, Section 3, Paragraph L be amended to
40 read:

41 *L. Candidates may only receive endorsements for their campaigns from individual-ASUM*
42 *activity fee-paying UM students. Individuals endorsing candidates may not speak on*
43 *behalf of any third-party organizations, including but not limited to, ASUM student*
44 *groups, fraternities and sororities, academic departments, UM sports teams, **social***
45 ***media pages or groups that do not clearly represent an individual fee-paying ASUM***
46 ***member, non-profit organizations, and private companies; however, individuals***

47 *endorsing candidates may mention their involvement in any of these groups without it*
48 *being perceived as a group endorsement;*

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51 Passed by Committee: _____, 2021

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53 Passed by ASUM Senate: April 21 _____, 2021

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57 Noah Durnell,
58 Chair of the Relations and Affairs Committee

Patrick James Flanagan,
Chair of the Senate

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62 Jonathan Karlen,
63 Chair of the Elections Committee