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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Amending the Constitution to Reflect Passed Referenda**
3 **October 12, 2021**
4 **SB35-21/22**

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7 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (“ASUM”) represents the
8 students at the University of Montana (“UM”) and is bound by its governing documents;
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10 Whereas, The ASUM Senate relies on the Constitution in order to conduct business;
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12 Whereas, The current format of the Constitution is discombobulating, inaccessible, and difficult
13 to reference;
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15 Whereas, Students are the primary stakeholder of their student government and should be
16 afforded clear and readable governing documents;
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18 Whereas, The current Constitution has not been updated to reflect referenda that was passed by
19 the student body in the 2020 and 2021 General Elections;
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21 Whereas, In the 2020 General Election, eight referenda were put forth for a vote by the student
22 body;
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24 Whereas, Referendum 1, SB41-19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article 4
25 of the ASUM Constitution, adjusted the number of Senate seats to be proportional with the UM
26 student body¹;
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28 Whereas, Referendum 2, SB42- 19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article
29 7 of the ASUM Constitution, updated election procedures to reflect proportional Senate seats and
30 inclusion of a seat for a freshman²;
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32 Whereas, Referendum 3, SB52 -19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article
33 6 of the ASUM Constitution, updated the Constitution regarding how Board on Member
34 Organizations oversees student groups to reflect the revised Student Code of Conduct³;
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36 Whereas, Referendum 4, SB39- 19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article
37 3 of the ASUM Constitution, clearly defined the scope for the Vice President and updated the
38 order of succession for Senate⁴;
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¹ Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 41, 2019-2020 S. (Nov 12, 2019),
https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1777&context=asum_resolutions.

² Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 42, 2019-2020 S. (Nov 12, 2019),
https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1778&context=asum_resolutions.

³ Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 52, 2019-2020 S. (Jan 15, 2019).

⁴ Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 39, 2019-2020 S. (Nov 12, 2019),
https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1775&context=asum_resolutions.

40 Whereas, Referendum 5, SB43- 19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article
41 8 of the ASUM Constitution, clarified financial operations⁵;

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43 Whereas, Referendum 6, SB44- 19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Article
44 9 of the ASUM Constitution, updated the Constitution to change operations with UM's
45 Publication and Broadcast Boards⁶;

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47 Whereas, Referendum 7, SB38- 19/20: Resolution Regarding Referendum Language for Articles
48 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the ASUM Constitution, fixed grammatical and capitalization
49 errors and implemented gender neutral language⁷;

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51 Whereas, Referendum 8, SB40- 19/20: Resolution regarding the List Formatting of the ASUM
52 Constitution, updated the formatting of the constitution⁸;

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54 Whereas, In the 2020 General Election all eight referenda passed;

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56 Whereas, There was one referendum in the 2021 General Election put forth for a vote by the
57 student body;

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59 Whereas, This referendum was SB44-20/21: Resolution Proposing a Constitutional Referenda to
60 Strike the Petition Signature Requirement⁹;

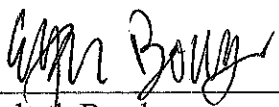
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62 Whereas, In the 2021 General Election, the aforementioned referendum passed;

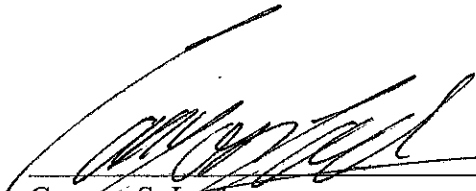
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64 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, The attached Constitution, reflecting the above listed referenda,
65 be adopted immediately;

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67 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to: Alexandra Berna, ASUM
68 Secretary; Gwen Coon, ASUM Office Manager.

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71 Passed by Committee: October 17, 2021

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73 Passed by ASUM Senate: October 20, 2021

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77 Elizabeth Bowles,
78 Chair of Relations and Affairs



Canyon S. Lock,
Chair of the Senate

⁵Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 43, 2019-2020 S. (Nov 12, 2019), https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1779&context=asum_resolutions.

⁶Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 44, 2019-2020 S. (Nov 12, 2019), https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1780&context=asum_resolutions.

⁷Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 38, 2019-2020 S. (Nov 12, 2019), https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1774&context=asum_resolutions.

⁸Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 40, 2019-2020 S. (Nov 12, 2019), https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1776&context=asum_resolutions.

⁹Associated Students of the University of Montana S. Bill 44, 2020-2021 S. (Oct 21, 2020), https://scholarworks.umt.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1850&context=asum_resolutions.

79 Passed Unanimously.