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1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Urging UM to Develop Online Sex Trafficking Resources**
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4 **SB76-19/20**

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10 Whereas, The United Nations’ International Labour Organization estimated that as of 2016, an
11 international total 3.8 million adults and 1 million children were victims of sex trafficking;

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13 Whereas, The University of Montana (UM) is continuously seeking ways to improve the campus
14 environment to be more safe and accessible;

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16 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents all students and aims
17 to create a more inclusive and safe environment;

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19 Whereas, UM does not currently have resources for reporting or identifying sex trafficking victims on its
20 website;

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22 Whereas, UM website’s Campus Safety page reads:
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24 *The University of Montana strives to maintain a safe and friendly environment for its students,*
25 *employees and visitors. This website includes links to many resources related to campus safety*
26 *and emergency preparedness. You will also find links to important conduct codes and policies;*
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28 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That ASUM urges that necessary additions to UM’s website be made to
29 provide information, statistics, and resources on sex trafficking;

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31 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That such provisions can include but are not limited to up-to-date
32 reports, hotlines, and warning signs;

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That ASUM urges that UM provides students with such provisions
35 within the *Safety & Support* and *Campus Safety* pages of its official website;

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37 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to Seth Bodnar, President of the
38 University of Montana; Marty Ludeman, Chief of UMPD; Alicia Arant, Title IX Coordinator and
39 Director of Equal Opportunity; Christine Fiore, Clinical Director of the Student Advocacy Resource
40 Center; Alison Pepper, Education and Outreach Director of the Student Advocacy Resource Center.

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44 Passed by Committee: _____, 2020

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46 Passed by ASUM Senate: April 29 _____, 2020
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