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ITEM NO. 138-1504-R0308 **Approval to establish the Montana Math and Science Academy at Montana Tech of The University of Montana**

THAT: In accordance with Montana University System Policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes Montana Tech of The University of Montana – Missoula to establish the Montana Math and Science Academy.

EXPLANATION: The Montana Math and Science Academy is proposed as a residential dual-credit program for high school juniors who have outstanding academic performance and high standardized test scores. The curriculum of the academy is designed to permit these students to complete 60 credit hours of college work that also satisfies the requirements for high school graduation. A college degree will not be awarded, therefore, the Academy will not require new courses or new degrees at Montana Tech. Academy students will take courses currently offered and honors courses with our degree-seeking students in subject areas where they are offered. Graduates of the Academy will be eligible to continue and complete a BS degree at Montana Tech or they could transfer to other institutions across the state and country.