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ITEM 146-1009-R0310 **Approval to create an A.A. degree in Pre-Professional Social Work**

THAT: In accordance with Montana University System Policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes the department of Applied Arts and Sciences of The University of Montana-Missoula College of Technology to create a 2+2 Associate of Arts degree in Pre-Professional Social Work

EXPLANATION: The 2+2 A.A. degree in Pre-Professional Social Work Studies is meant to develop and strengthen the Montana Licensed Social Worker workforce by ensuring that graduates of the program are eligible for matriculation to the UM School of Social Work following successful application. The proposed program would offer lower cost prerequisites for the School of Social Work, while good employment prospects would help student retention and graduation.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter of Support
MOA between the UM School of Social Work and UMCOT--Missoula