

1 The Associated Students of the University of Montana
2 Resolution Regarding MontPIRG

3 April 14, 2010

4 Senate Bill Number SB28-09/10

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11 Whereas, over 2,500 students (approximately 20% of the student population) have signed
12 a petition in support of the MontPIRG fee being placed on the spring ASUM ballot;

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14 Whereas, the ASUM bylaws require the signatures of 5% of the student population in
15 support of a fee for that fee to be placed on the ballot;

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17 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM will place the question of a \$5.00 refundable
18 fee to be placed on the ballot this spring for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic
19 years;

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21 Let It Be Further Resolved that the ballot language will read as follows:

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23 “MontPIRG (Montana Public Interest Research Group) is a statewide, student directed,
24 non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization. MontPIRG exists to articulate and pursue
25 through the media, the institutions of government, research, the courts, and other legal
26 means the concerns of students on issues of general public interests. These issues include,
27 but are not limited to college affordability, protecting the environment, alleviating hunger
28 and homelessness, increasing public transportation and consumer protection. MontPIRG
29 empowers students by *pools ing their student* resources to hire professional staff that
30 works with students, ~~giving themselves the skills, knowledge and presence needed to~~
31 ~~make meaningful and lasting change. to teach skills in community organizing.~~

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33 Do you support the funding of a MontPIRG chapter at the University of Montana through
34 a \$5 per student, per semester refundable fee? Any student not wanting to pay the fee can
35 get a refund.”

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37 ~~*You are voting whether or not you support the funding of a MontPIRG chapter at the*~~
38 ~~*University of Montana through a \$5 per student, per semester refundable fee. Any*~~
39 ~~*student not wanting to pay the fee can get a refund by going to the University Center*~~
40 ~~*within the first two weeks of the semester or by contacting MontPIRG.*~~

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44 *Yes, I support the reestablishment of a \$5 per semester, per student, refundable fee for*
45 *MontPIRG.*

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47 No, I do not support the reestablishment \$5 per semester, per student, refundable fee for
48 MontPIRG.

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50 ~~Yes, I support the reestablishment of MontPIRG through a \$5 per semester/student~~
51 ~~refundable fee.~~


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53 ~~No, I don't support the reestablishment of MontPIRG through a \$5 per semester/student~~
54 ~~refundable fee.~~

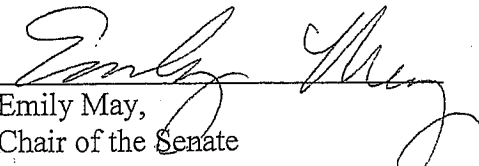
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57 ~~Yes, I support the establishment of a \$5 per semester, per student, refundable fee for~~
58 ~~MontPIRG.~~

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60 ~~No, I do not support the establishment \$5 per semester, per student, refundable fee for~~
61 ~~MontPIRG.~~

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64 Passed by Committee: April 12, 2010

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66 Passed by Senate: April 14, 2010

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72 Andrew Dusek,
73 Relations and Affairs Chair

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Emily May,
Chair of the Senate