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ITEM 130-1018-R0306 **<u>Approval of a minor in Irish Studies; The University of Montana-Missoula</u>**

THAT: In accordance with Montana University System Policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes The University of Montana-Missoula to create a minor in Irish Studies.

EXPLANATION: The College of Arts and Sciences, in collaboration with The School of Fine Arts, proposes a minor in Irish Studies that will provide students with access to instruction in the fields of language, history and literature. This academic and artistic approach to the subject of Irish culture involves an interdisciplinary and inter-collegiate collaboration that brings together leading scholars in the humanities and in the creative arts. A key objective of this minor is to build on the high quality of scholarship produced by past and present faculty and to enhance the reputation of The University of Montana as a center of excellence in language, literature, history and the creative arts.