

**ITEM 143-1010-R0509**

**Approval Of A Proposal To Deliver Higher Education In The Bitterroot Valley**

**THAT:**

In accordance with the Montana University System Policy, the Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes The University of Montana to terminate the Hamilton Higher Education Center and deliver higher education in the Bitterroot Valley in an ongoing manner with guidance from an established Steering Committee.

**EXPLANATION:**

In May 2007, The University of Montana was granted permission to offer higher education in the Bitterroot Valley through the auspices of the Hamilton Higher Education Center in a temporary arrangement. In spring 2009 a Steering Committee comprised of members of the Bitterroot community, The University of Montana, and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education was established to develop a plan and oversee the delivery of higher education in the Bitterroot Valley.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Higher Education in the Bitterroot Valley: The University of Montana Report