RESOLUTION NO. 2021-061

A RESOLUTION GIVING PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE TO DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

WHEREAS, businesses owned by people of color, women, or people with disabilities have historically been disadvantaged in their ability to compete in the free market due to diminished capital and credit opportunities as compared to others in the same or similar lines of business who are not owned by people of color, women, or people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this historic disadvantage continues in the present; and

WHEREAS, this disadvantage makes the procurement process inherently uncompetitive and unfair toward businesses owned by people of color, women, and the disabled; and

WHEREAS, the public is best served by a competitive, open, and fair procurement process; and

WHEREAS, giving a bid or quote reduction to businesses owned by people of color, women, or people with disabilities would help to provide a level playing field for opportunities to do business with Missoula County; and

WHEREAS, businesses owned by people of color, women, and people with disabilities may register as a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) with the Montana Department of Transportation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Missoula County will give a 5% reduction in their bid or quote for selection purposes to businesses certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises by the Montana Department of Transportation for all procurements that go through a vendor selection process. For those procurements that use a scoring method, where cost is only one of several criteria in choosing a vendor, the total score will be increased by 5%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Missoula County will undertake a study to examine County procurement policies and procedures to identify barriers based on race, ethnicity, gender identity or expression, ability status, sexual orientation, class, or age.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021

ATTEST:	BOARD OF MISSOULA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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AFFIDAVIT OF CORRECTION

I, Violet Plummer, Administrative Assistant to the Missoula County Commissioners, do hereby state that this affidavit is for the purpose of correcting the resolution number on the resolution recorded as Book: 1053 Page: 1018. The resolution was originally recorded with the incorrect resolution number of 2020-061 instead of the correct 2021-061.

January 4, 2022

Violet Plummer

State of Montana County of Missoula

This instrument was signed and sworn (or affirmed) before me on January 4, 2022 by Violet Plummer in her capacity as Administrative Assistant to the Missoula County Commissioners.

Notary Signature

KAREN BALDRIDGE
NOTARY PUBLIC for the
State of Montana
Residing at Missoula, Montana
My Commission Expires
January 14, 2023