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**RESOLUTION 2020-02**

## **ALLOW COUNTY OFFICER OFFICE LOCATIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY RESOLUTION**

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to amend laws pertaining to location of county offices to allow county offices for county officers to be determined by resolution of the county commission because currently all officers, except justices of the peace are required to keep their offices at the county seat.

**WHEREAS**, under M.C.A. 7-4-2211 county offices for county officers, except justices of the peace as set forth in 3-10-101, must keep their offices at the county seat; and

**WHEREAS**, limiting flexibility in determining the most appropriate and beneficial location may not allow for the most efficient governance; and

**WHEREAS**, available property within the jurisdiction of the county seat may be limited or cost prohibitive.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montana Association of Counties will seek to establish legislation to amend the law by expressly authorizing county governments, via resolution, to establish the location of county offices for county officers outside of and superseding the restriction limiting the location to the county seat.

<b>SPONSOR:</b>	FLATHEAD COUNTY
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	DO PASS
<b>REFERRED TO:</b>	MACO RESOLUTIONS & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
<b>ADOPTED:</b>	ANNUAL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 1, 2020