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**RESOLUTION 2020-10**

## **LEASING OF COUNTY PROPERTY**

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation to allow local governments more freedom to lease county owned land for specific purposes for up to 40 years.

**WHEREAS**, Montana Code Annotated (MCA) 7-8-2231 establishes authority for county governments to lease county property; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of county commissioners make a determination that the property is not necessary for the conduct of the county's business; and

**WHEREAS**, county governments often work in conjunction with partners to develop projects to benefit the community; and

**WHEREAS**, county governments working with partners need the ability to lease property for more than 10 years to allow for partners to secure funding; and

**WHEREAS**, MCA imposes this restriction on counties but not municipalities.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Montana Association of Counties will seek to establish legislation to amend MCA 7-8-2231 to allow for leasing up to 40 years.

<b>SPONSOR:</b>	MISSOULA COUNTY
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	DO PASS AS AMENDED
<b>REFERRED TO:</b>	MACo LAND USE, PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
<b>ADOPTED:</b>	ANNUAL CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 1, 2020