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1                                   **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution of Support for the Wind Energy Investment Proposal**  
3                                   **November 6, 2013**  
4                                   **SB39-13/14**

5                   **Authored by: Asa Hohman, ASUM President, Mike Hopkins, ASUM Business Manager,**  
6                                   **Sam Thompson, ASUM Senator**

7                                   **Sponsored by:**

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9           Whereas, in 2010, University of Montana President George Dennison signed The University of  
10           Montana (UM) Climate Action Plan which specified that UM achieve carbon neutrality by 2020;

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12           Whereas, buildings on campus account for two-thirds (2/3) of all of the University's carbon  
13           emissions, stemming from a combination of on-campus steam power and electricity purchased  
14           from Northwestern Energy;

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16           Whereas, UM Climate Action Now (UMCAN), during the course of three days, gathered and  
17           hand-delivered over 100 student signatures in support of the community renewable energy  
18           project proposal, indicating a strong level of student support for the endeavor;

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20           Whereas, investment in Sagebrush and Northwestern Energy's wind turbine proposal in Norris  
21           Hills, Montana, would be a net revenue generator for UM;

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23           Whereas, Vice President for Administration and Finance of UM, Mike Reid, stated publicly that  
24           this project would meet two-thirds (2/3) of UM's carbon neutrality goal;

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26           Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana  
27           (ASUM) calls upon UM administration to continue to follow this project and actively endeavor  
28           to invest in the wind proposal;

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30           Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:  
31           President Royce Engstrom, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mike Reid, Director  
32           of the Office of Sustainability Cherie Peacock, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator Eva Rocke,  
33           UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technologies, and UM Climate Action Now.

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35           Passed by Committee: November 4, 2013

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37           Passed by ASUM Senate: November 6, 2013

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42           Jan Roddy,  
                  Relations and Affairs Chair

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Mariah Williams,  
Chair of the Senate