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1 **Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Regarding RE-ENERGYSE America**
3 **March 17th, 2010**

4 **Senate Bill SB23-09/10**

5 **Authored by: Zack Porter, UM Climate Action Now**
6 **Patrick Rhea, ASUM Senator**

7 **Sponsored by: Matthew Fennell, ASUM President**
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9 Whereas, President Obama is calling for the United States to invest \$74 million in the RE-
10 ENERGYSE (Regaining our Energy Science and Engineering Edge) initiative;

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12 Whereas, this initiative would provide funding to basic and applied research, innovation, and
13 education concerns related to clean energy technologies, and triple the number of National
14 Science Foundation graduate research fellowships;

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16 Whereas, the University of Montana has strong Environmental Studies, Energy Technology, and
17 other science programs dedicated to world-class research;

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19 Whereas, the University of Montana and traditional funding sources for research, such as
20 foundations and charitable trusts, are facing significant budget shortfalls, resulting in diminished
21 contributions to undergraduate and graduate research;

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23 Whereas, investments in clean energy technology education could attract cutting edge start-ups
24 and established companies in the alternative energy sector, resulting in increased employment
25 opportunities;

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27 Whereas, Senator Jon Tester, as a member of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on
28 Energy and Water Development, can play a strategic role in passing RE-ENERGYSE legislation,
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30 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of University of Montana endorses
31 the RE-ENERGYSE campaign;

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33 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that a letter of support along with a copy of this resolution
34 will be sent to University of Montana President George Dennison and United States Senators Jon
35 Tester and Max Baucus.
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38 Passed by Committee: _____, 2010

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40 Passed by Senate: _____, 2010
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46 Andrew Dusek,
47 Relations and Affairs Chair

Emily May,
Chair of the Senate