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1 **Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2 **Resolution Regarding The University of Montana Climate Action Plan**  
3 **March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

4 **Senate Bill Number SB26-09/10**

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

7 **Sponsored by: Emily May, ASUM Vice President**  
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9 Whereas, University of Montana President, George M. Dennison, approved the University of  
10 Montana Climate Action Plan (CAP) on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010;

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12 Whereas, the approval of the CAP marks the completion of the third and final phase of the  
13 American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), of which UM  
14 became a signatory in 2007;

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16 Whereas, 677 secondary schools, nationwide, have become signatories of the ACUPCC in  
17 recognition of the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change;

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19 Whereas, as stated in the text of the ACUPCC, the University of Montana “[recognizes] the  
20 scientific consensus that global warming is real and is largely being caused by humans,” and  
21 therefore, UM “[recognizes] the need to reduce the global emission of greenhouse gases by 80%  
22 by mid-century at the latest, in order to avert the worst impacts of global warming...”;

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24 Whereas, the University of Montana recognizes the economic benefits of becoming a national  
25 leader in sustainability education, as demonstrated by UM’s establishment of the first degree  
26 granting program in climate change studies in the US;

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28 Whereas, the CAP calls for UM to be carbon neutral by 2020, making our plan among the most  
29 aggressive in the nation;

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31 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University Montana (ASUM)  
32 endorse the University of Montana Climate Action Plan;

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34 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that a letter of support along with a copy of this resolution  
35 will be sent to University of Montana President George Dennison and the Sustainability  
36 Coordinator for the University of Montana, Cherie Peacock.

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39 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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41 Passed by Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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45 Andrew Dusek,  
46 Relations and Affairs Chair

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45 Emily May,  
46 Chair of the Senate