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Resolution Regarding The University of Montana Climate Action Plan
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Whereas, University of Montana President, George M. Dennison, approved the University of Montana Climate Action Plan (CAP) on January 26th, 2010;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Andrew Dusek, Emily May,
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