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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding Changing Finals Week**

3                                   **February 7, 2017**

4                                   **SB68-16/17**

5                                   **Authored by: Connor Fitzpatrick, ASUM Senator**

6                                   **Sponsored by:**

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8   Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represent students at  
9   the University of Montana;

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11   Whereas, The placement of finals week directly affects students and student travel;

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13   Whereas, The University of Montana has changed the placement of finals week in December  
14   multiple times over the past few years;

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16   Whereas, For academic year 2016, the administration split finals week between two weeks,  
17   presumably to allow students more study time over the weekend;

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19   Whereas, Next year, the administration has scheduled finals week to start Thursday, December  
20   14 and end Wednesday, December 20, 2017;

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22   Whereas, This change has been viewed by the student body as a move which merely prolongs  
23   finals week, and the associated stress that comes with it;

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25   Whereas, Finals week has been on a Monday through Friday schedule since at least Fall 2009.

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27   Whereas, From Fall 2009 to Fall 2015, there has been at least a one week gap between the end of  
28   finals week and Christmas;

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30   Whereas, During Fall semester 2016-2017 there were only four days between the end of finals  
31   week and Christmas;

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33   Whereas, Traveling this close to Christmas is necessarily more expensive, and thus places a  
34   greater financial burden on students, especially those already paying out of state tuition, and  
35   those accruing debt acquiring their degrees;

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37   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that ASUM encourages the administration of the University of  
38   Montana to limit finals week to one week, lasting Monday to Friday;

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40 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved that ASUM also encourages the administration of the  
41 University of Montana to consider student travel expenses when scheduling finals week in the  
42 future;

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44 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to Faculty Senate,  
45 Staff Senate, and interim President Sheila Stearns.

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47 Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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49 Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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