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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding UM Support for the March for Science
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Whereas, the March for Science is a nationwide event that will take place on April 22, 2017 in Washington D.C. and over 400 other cities across the United States to promote the “application of science in policy”;

Whereas, a similar resolution that was proposed regarding University of Montana support of the March for Science has already been passed by the Faculty Senate;

Whereas, President Sheila Stearns stated that she will make a formal announcement on behalf of the University of Montana supporting the March for Science if ASUM Senate, Faculty Senate, and Staff Senate pass this resolution;

Whereas, the March for Science has been endorsed by over 50 nationally renowned organizations, such as the American Educational Research Association and the National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE);

Whereas, the protection and support of scientific research and evidence-backed studies is in the interest of University of Montana students who value quality higher education;

Whereas, Rosalyn Lapier, a professor within the Environmental Studies department at the University of Montana, sits on the steering committee of the March for Science, making her one of the main organizers of the event;

Whereas, scientific research and funding is fundamental to the success and progress of our educational institutions and society;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM formally supports the March for Science that will take place in Washington D.C. and over 400 other cities within the United States on April 22, 2017;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM asks President Sheila Stearns to make a formal statement on behalf of the University of Montana declaring our support for the March for Science;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sheila Stearns, Interim President of the University of Montana; Jennifer Zellmer-Cuaresma, President of Staff Senate.

Passed by Committee: _________________, 2017
Passed by ASUM Senate: _________________, 2017
Kaden Harrison,
Chair of Sustainability Board

Elizabeth Engebretson,
Chair of the Senate