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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding UM Support for the March for Science**  
3   **March 17, 2017**  
4   **SB73-16/17**

5   **Authored by: Kelsey Cooley, ASUM Senator; Mariah Welch, ASUM Senator; Max Longo,**  
6                                   **ASUM Senator; Vicki Watson, Faculty Member;**  
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8   Whereas, the March for Science is a nationwide event that will take place on April 22, 2017 in  
9   Washington D.C. and over 400 other cities across the United States to promote the “application  
10   of science in policy”;

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

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

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

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

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

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

32   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM formally supports the March for Science that will  
33   take place in Washington D.C. and over 400 other cities within the United States on April 22,  
34   2017;

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

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

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

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

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51 Kaden Harrison,  
52 Chair of Sustainability Board

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Elizabeth Engebretson,  
Chair of the Senate