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The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Admissions and March for Our Lives

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Whereas, The University of Montana’s Institutional Diversity Plan states:

“The University of Montana seeks to enhance diversity by recognizing and embracing the differences in age, ideas and perspectives, disabilities, creed, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, national origin, race, religious and spiritual beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic and geographic composition of its faculty, administrative professionals, staff, and students”;

Whereas, High school students across the country are participating in March for Our Lives demonstrations and walk outs in order to bring an end to gun violence;

Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) and the University of Montana (UM) have historically endorsed efforts of peaceful protest and free speech on our campus;

Whereas, The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) has, “created a digital resource for colleges and universities to report their practices around how disciplinary actions related to activism will be factored into the admission process”;

Whereas, NACAC has endorsed universities for releasing statements saying they will not hold prejudice against applicants that have participated in, and received any disciplinary actions for participating in a March for Our Lives demonstration;

Whereas, Many other universities across the country have released statements regarding March for Our Lives including; Brown University, CU Boulder, Georgetown, Northwestern, Penn State, Syracuse, and Willamette;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, That the UM Admissions Office agrees to not hold prejudice against high school applicants that have participated in, and received any disciplinary actions for participating in, a March for Our Lives demonstration;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That the UM Admissions Office release a statement affirming the aforementioned information;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to the following; Seth Bodnar, University of Montana President; Emily Ferguson-Steger, Director of Admissions; Paula Short, Director of Communications for the President’s Office; Tom Crady, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs.

Passed by Committee: ___________________________ 2018
Passed by ASUM Senate: ___________________________ 2018
Abbigail Belcher,  
Student Political Action Chair  

Brenna Love,  
Chair of the Senate