

1 **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Supporting UM Allies Program**

3 9/18/17

4 **SB 13-17/18**

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8 Whereas, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) represents the interests
9 of about 12,000 students at the University of Montana;

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11 Whereas, ASUM advocates on behalf of the health, wellbeing, and success of all the students of
12 the University of Montana (UM);

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14 Whereas, Access to a safe and inclusive learning environment is important to the success,
15 growth, and future for all students of UM;

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17 Whereas, UM Allies is an opportunity on campus for UM staff and faculty, regardless of sexual
18 orientation or gender, to take a prominent role and active role in developing and maintaining a
19 culture of safety and inclusion at UM;

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21 Whereas, UM Allies provides faculty and staff with the appropriate language and knowledge to
22 better include and relate to their students, as well as providing them with campus resources so
23 that they may effectively advise and advocate for students in need of those resources;

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25 Whereas, UM Allies helps to identify these resources to prospective students as well as the
26 campus-at-large;

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28 Whereas, LGBTQ+ students experience higher rates of mental illness and are less likely to report
29 instances of harassment and discrimination;

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31 Whereas, Creating a safe and inclusive campus is important to both recruitment and retention,
32 and we are a stronger and richer campus when all individuals can feel safe to celebrate their true
33 selves;

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35 Whereas, UM Allies helps identify UM as a university that recognizes issues faced by LGBTQ+
36 students and is taking an active role in supporting those students;

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38 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages all faculty and staff to commit themselves
39 to creating a safe and inclusive environment on campus;

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41 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages all faculty and staff on campus to
42 participate in and complete the UM Allies training;

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44 Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, that this resolution be sent to Sheila M. Stearns, Interim
45 President of the University of Montana; Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost of University of
46 Montana; Rhondie Voorhees, Dean of Students; Maria Mangold, President of Staff Senate; and

47 Mary-Ann Bowman, Chair of Faculty Senate.

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49 Passed by Committee: September 26, 2017

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51 Passed by ASUM Senate: September 27, 2017

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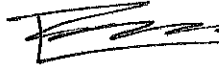
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Connor Fitzpatrick,
58 Chair of Relations and Affairs

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Brenna Love
60 Chair of the Senate

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