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The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution of Support for the Wind Energy Investment Proposal
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Whereas, in 2010, University of Montana President George Dennison signed The University of
Montana (UM) Climate Action Plan which specified that UM achieve carbon neutrality by 2020;
Whereas, buildings on campus account for two-thirds (2/3) of all of the University's carbon
emissions, stemming from a combination of on-campus steam power and electricity purchased
from Northwestern Energy;
Whereas, UM Climate Action Now (UMCAN), during the course of three days, gathered and
hand-delivered over 100 student signatures in support of the community renewable energy
project proposal, indicating a strong level of student support for the endeavor;
Whereas, investment in Sagebrush and Northwestern Energy’s wind turbine proposal in Norris
Hills, Montana, would be a net revenue generator for UM;
Whereas, Vice President for Administration and Finance of UM, Mike Reid, stated publicly that
this project would meet two-thirds (2/3) of UM’s carbon neutrality goal;
Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of The University of Montana
(ASUM) calls upon UM administration to continue to follow this project and actively endeavor
to invest in the wind proposal;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the following:
President Royce Engstrom, Vice President for Administration and Finance Mike Reid, Director
of the Office of Sustainability Cherie Peacock, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator Eva Rocke,
UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technologies, and UM Climate Action Now.

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Jan Roddy, Mariah Williams,
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