The Associated Students of the University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Support for Renewable Energy for the Missoula Community
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Whereas, The University of Montana (UM) has a duty to be global citizens;
Whereas, there is undeniable evidence that human-caused climate change is unprecedented in scope and the magnitude of its consequences are dependent on rapid and collective human action;
Whereas, Climate change is already causing severe harm and tremendous loss of life on a global scale, while threatening the livability of the planet;
Whereas, UM stated in their 2010 Climate Action Plan that UMT will support measures to mitigate climate change by becoming carbon neutral by 2020, ensuring that all of campus’ energy comes from renewable resources;
Whereas, According to the 2016 U.S. Department of Energy figures, 94% of U.S. carbon dioxide emissions come from fossil fuel burning. Making a plan to switch the electricity grid to 100% renewable energy will stop the carbon dioxide emissions from the energy sector, thus making a grand step towards mitigating climate change;
Whereas, The City of Missoula and Missoula County released, “Missoula’s 100% Clean Electricity Option Report” on October 20, 2018, that details why and how our community can transition to 100% clean electricity;
Whereas, in early April 2019 the city and county will be voting to support a joint resolution to get the city and county to 100% Renewable Energy by 2030;
Whereas, the University of Montana’s annual electricity use is larger than both the City of Missoula and Missoula County operations’ annual electricity use combined;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that UM needs to support the rapid conversion of Missoula’s energy supply to 100% renewable and clean energy by no later than 2030, as described in Missoula’s 100% Clean Electricity Options Report;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the Associated Students of the University of Montana call on the UM administration to update its 2010 Climate Action Plan to join the City of Missoula in striving for complete carbon neutrality by 2030;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that the students, staff and faculty of the University of Montana fully back transitioning the community of Missoula to 100% Clean Electricity sooner than, but no later than 2030;
Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that this resolution be sent to the Montana Consumer Counsel and the Montana Public Service Commission, and to be considered as public comment for the Northwestern Energy Resource Procurement Plan.

Passed by Committee: _______________________, 2019
Passed by ASUM Senate: __________________________, 2019
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Morgan Corkish, Sustainability Oversight Chair

Mariah Welch, Chair of the Senate