

1 The Montana Associated Students Resolution  
2 Urging the Passage of Revenue Enhancements in the Montana State Legislature  
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8 Whereas, The Montana Associated Students (MAS) shall provide fair and equal representation  
9 for the students in the Montana University System;

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11 Whereas, The State of Montana is in a budget crisis, which has caused the Montana University  
12 System (MUS) to face a 12 million dollar cut as a result of the 2017 session, a 15 million dollar  
13 cut as a result of SB 261, and a potential 45 million dollar cut as a result of Governor Bullock's  
14 recommended 10% reduction across all agencies;

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16 Whereas, Governor Bullock's most recent recommendation to the legislature would lead to a 4.5  
17 million dollar reduction in the MUS budget;

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19 Whereas, Revenue enhancements can and will alleviate the negative impacts felt by budget cuts  
20 without hurting other agencies by increasing the amount of money available for allocation;

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22 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That MAS encourages the Montana State Legislature pass  
23 all appropriate revenue enhancements and seriously consider allocating a portion of the resulting  
24 funds to the MUS;

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26 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That MAS encourages the Montana State Legislators  
27 work to write and sponsor bills regarding increasing revenue enhancements;

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29 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That MAS urges Governor Steve Bullock to sign and  
30 approve appropriate revenue enhancements that reach his desk;

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32 Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, That this resolution be sent to Steve Bullock, Governor of  
33 the State of Montana; Senator Llew Jones, SD 9; Representative Nancy Ballance, HD 87;  
34 Representative Mike Hopkins, HD 92; and Representative Nate McConnell, HD 89; Mike  
35 Cooney, Lieutenant Governor of Montana; Dan Villa, Budget Director of Montana; Senator  
36 Scott Sales, President of the Montana State Senate; Senator Fred Thomas, Majority Leader of the  
37 Montana Senate; Jon Sesso, Minority Leader of the Montana Senate; Representative Austin  
38 Knudson, Speaker of the Montana House of Representatives; Representative Ron Ehli, Majority  
39 Leader of the Montana House of Representatives; and Representative Jenny Eck, Minority  
40 Leader of the Montana House of Representatives.

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42 Passed by MAS Council: November, 2017