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1 **The Associated Students of The University of Montana**
2 **Resolution Endorsing Power Shift**

3 **November 9, 2011**

4 **Senate Bill SB17-11/12**

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6 **Sponsored by: Zachary Brown, Emerald LaFortune, Topher Williams, Shelbi Dantic,**
7 **Rebecca Boslough, Janyssa Overturf, Dan Molgaard, and Neil Bennett, ASUM Senators; and**
8 **Stacy Boman, ASUM Sustainability Coordinator and**
9 **Cherie Peacock, University of Montana Sustainability Coordinator**

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12 Whereas, ASUM views student involvement as a top priority for the 2011-2012 school year;

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14 Whereas, ASUM works to empower student groups and support them in their initiatives;

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16 Whereas, UM Climate Action Now (UM CAN) is partnering with other student groups from across the
17 state to hold a Rocky Mountain Power Shift leadership training conference to teach young people
18 throughout the region how to become effective leaders and organizers in their respective communities;

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20 Whereas, sustainability initiatives have had strong support from the student body, *faculty and*
21 *administration*, the ASUM Sustainability Committee, and the UM Sustainable Campus Committee;

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23 Whereas, hosting the Rocky Mountain Power Shift Conference at UM creates unique outreach and
24 leadership training opportunities for all students, regardless of political beliefs, and coincides with
25 UM's Carbon Neutrality Goal by 2020;

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27 Whereas, President Engstrom has expressed direct interest and support in hosting a leadership training
28 conference centered on sustainability issues,

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30 Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that The Associated Students of The University of Montana endorses the
31 work UM CAN, the Montana Environmental Student *Alliance* (MESA), the UM Forum for Living with
32 Appropriate Technology (UMFLAT), and other student groups across the state are doing to plan the
33 Rocky Mountain Power Shift Conference;

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35 ~~Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved that the ASUM Senate officially requests that President Gursky~~
36 ~~draft a letter of support of the Rocky Mountain Power Shift Conference for use by the conference~~
37 ~~organizers for gathering greater support.~~

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40 Passed by Committee: _____, 2011

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43 Passed by ASUM Senate: _____, 2011

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48 Travis Suzuki,
49 Relations and Affairs Chair

Jeffrey Edmunds,
Chair of the Senate