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Whereas, Hundreds of protestors gathered in Missoula on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, to express support for the ongoing effort to halt construction of DAPL;

Whereas, The Missoula City Council passed a resolution in support of the protestors at Standing Rock through committee on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, and will be considering the resolution as a full body at the November 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting;

Whereas, The ongoing issues surrounding the planned DAPL route and its implications for public health and water quality in the region, rule of law, and civil rights in the United States are of significant interest to the students of UM;

Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, that The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) and University of Montana (UM) students stand in solidarity with the water protectors at Standing Rock and their opposition to the DAPL;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, that ASUM calls upon all members of the campus community and abroad to raise awareness regarding the Indigenous struggle to obtain environmental and social justice both on and off the reservation;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, that ASUM urges law enforcement agencies, public officials, and protestors to exercise the utmost restraint going forward and respect the Constitutional right to free assembly, speech, and protest;

Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, that ASUM urges federal and state officials to intervene by any means necessary to halt the construction of the DAPL;

Therefore, Let it Further be Resolved, that ASUM calls upon all local and state governing bodies, including University student bodies, throughout Montana to follow suit and provide support so we may all stand in solidarity and provide political power to our neighboring nations;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, This resolution shall be sent to: Steve Sitting Bear, External Affairs Director for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; John Engen, Mayor of Missoula; Marilyn Marler, Missoula City Council Chair; Steve Bullock, Governor of Montana; Jon Tester, United States Senator; Steve Daines, United States Senator; Ryan Zinke, United States Congressman; Jack Dalrymple, Governor of North Dakota; Barack Obama, President of the United States; Donald Trump, President-Elect of the United States

Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

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95 Elizabeth Engebretson,

96 Chair of the Senate

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