

1 **Montana Associated Students (MAS)**
2 **Resolution Regarding the 2018 6-Mill Levy Referendum**
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8 Whereas, The Montana Associated Students (MAS) serves to represent and advocate for over
9 40,000 students in the Montana University System (MUS);

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11 Whereas, Funds from the 6-Mill Levy are essential to maintaining the quality and affordability
12 of the MUS and our campuses;

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14 Whereas, If passed at its current level, the 6-Mill Levy would amount to an average annual cost
15 of \$24.00 for a house worth \$200,000;

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17 Whereas, The 6-Mill Levy has been a primary and significant source of funding for the MUS
18 since it first passed in 1948;

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20 Whereas, The 6-Mill Levy has been put to a citizen referendum every 10 years since 1948;

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22 Whereas, Funds generated by the 6-Mill Levy have accounted for 10% of annual state funding
23 for the MUS over the past decade, and would account for a projected \$20 million in annual
24 funding for the MUS from 2018 through 2028;

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26 Whereas, A failure to re-approve the 6-mill levy would create a considerable burden for the
27 MUS;

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29 Therefore, Let it Be Resolved, Montana students call upon our representatives in the Montana
30 Legislature to submit the 6-Mill Levy to the electorate through an Act establishing a Legislative
31 Referendum;

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33 Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, Montana students officially endorse the extension of the
34 6-Mill Levy for the support, maintenance, and improvement of the Montana University System;

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36 Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved, This endorsement shall serve as the official position of
37 the Montana Associated students (MAS) during the 2017 Legislative Session;

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39 Passed by Montana Associated Students: _____, 2016
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43 Kennedee Burk,
44 MAS Vice President Internal

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43 Sam Forstag,
44 MAS President