

RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

OF

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

*Adopted 16 February 2017*

*Whereas*, Representative Kelly McCarthy, D-Billings, has drafted Montana House Bill 117, entitled “An Act Protecting Gender Identity or Expression and Sexual Orientation Under the Laws Prohibiting Discrimination;” and,

*Whereas*, The Montana Human Rights Act does not recognize gender identity and expression or sexual orientation as protected classes; and,

*Whereas*, The entire Montana University System currently enumerates sexual orientation as well as gender expression or identity as protected classes; and,

*Whereas*, LGBTQ students and graduates of Montana State University deserve to live their lives and fully participate in their communities without fear of discrimination because of their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression; and,

*Whereas*, ASMSU has previously supported LGBTQ non-discrimination efforts by passing 2016-R-4 entitled, “ASMSU Support for LGBTQIA Student Needs;” now, therefore, be it,

*Resolved*, That the Associated Students of Montana State University express their support for the passage of Montana House Bill 117, an act entitled “An Act Protecting Gender Identity or Expression and Sexual Orientation Under the Laws Prohibiting Discrimination.



Bradley Jones – Senate Speaker