RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE

OF

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Adopted 17 November 2016

Whereas, In November of 2004, Montana citizens voted to adopt Article XIII, Section 7 of the Montana Constitution; and,

Whereas, Article XIII, Section 7 of the Montana Constitution reads “Only a marriage between one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in this state;” and,

Whereas, In November of 2014, U.S. District Court Judge Brian Morris ruled the state ban on marriage was unconstitutional; and,

Whereas, On June 26, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled, “the right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of the person, and under the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment couples of the same-sex may not be deprived of that right and that liberty;” and,

Whereas, Article XIII, Section 7 remains in the Montana Constitution; and,

Whereas, Ten percent of the Montana State University student body recognize themselves as LGBTQIA as stated from the diversity awareness office of MSU; and,

Whereas, In February 2016, the ASMSU Senate passed resolution 2016-R-4 which was titled “ASMSU Support for LGBTQIA Student Needs;” now, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Associated Students of Montana State University support repealing Article XIII, Section 7 from the Montana Constitution.

Matthew Campbell – Senate Speaker Pro Tempore