



A Resolution in Support of Governor Brown's Tax Initiative Proposal

- 1 **WHEREAS,** the Associated Students Inc. (ASI) of California State University San Marcos (CSUSM) is
2 the official representative body, and the voice of CSUSM's more than 10,000 students
3 and is entrusted to represent the best interest of our constituents; and
- 4 **WHEREAS,** it is the mission of ASI to educate students on issues that impact them, and advocate
5 for the student perspective to the appropriate parties, which include the university
6 administration and faculty, and government representatives and agencies on the local,
7 statewide and national levels; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** the CSU has recently faced substantial budget cuts from the state, including a reduction
9 of \$750 million in 2011-2012 alone, and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** in addition to the state budget cuts, the CSU has also faced a series of tuition and fee
11 increases since 2001, raising the cost of undergraduate attendance from \$1,428 in 2001
12 to an estimated \$5,970 in 2011 and
- 13 **WHEREAS,** every \$1 invested in the CSU yields a \$5.43 return back to the California economy,
14 sustains almost 150,000 jobs and provides a majority of graduates in key economic
15 areas such as agriculture, medicine, criminal justice and education
- 16 **WHEREAS,** the state of California has a \$15.7 billion deficit and
- 17 **WHEREAS,** the current state budget assumes the passage of Governor Brown's Tax Initiative in
18 order to balance the budget, and
- 19 **WHEREAS,** the California higher education system faces an automatic "trigger cut" of \$250 million
20 to the CSU and the University of California (UC) system, and \$548.5 million to the
21 California Community College (CCC) system if voters do not approve the Governor's Tax
22 Initiative in November 7, and
- 23 **WHEREAS,** the California budget also includes an increase in funding of \$125 million to the CSU and
24 UC in 2013-2014 if the Tax Initiative is approved and tuition and fees are maintained at
25 2011-2012 levels for the 2012-2013 school year but will likely face a cut of \$7 million
26 because of decreased state support unrelated to proposition 30,
- 27 **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**
- 28 **RESOLVED,** that the ASI of CSUSM supports the Governor's Tax Initiative and its dedication of funds
29 to education and a balanced state budget, and be it further

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31 **RESOLVED,** that ASI of CSUSM will take an active role in advocating for higher education, its benefits
32 to the state of California and the issues affecting each campus to state and local
33 representative and the general public,

34 **RESOLVED,** that copies of this resolution be distributed widely, including, but not limited to, CSU
35 Board of Trustees, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, CSUSM President Karen Haynes, the
36 Cougar Chronicles, CSUSM Office of Communications, the CSUSM Alumni Association,
37 CSU Campus Presidents, CSU Associated Students, the United States Student
38 Association, California Faculty Association, University of California Student Association,
39 California Teachers Association, Governor Jerry Brown, the Union Tribune, the North
40 County Times, the office of Assembly Speaker John Pérez, the office of Senate President
41 Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg, the office of Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway,
42 and the office of Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff.