SGA Resolution No. 35-05-S

A Resolution to promote a more sustainable and conscientious campus by offering students the opportunity to support MTSU investment in renewable energy sources.

Whereas: MTSU is a leader of Tennessee and Southeastern Universities;

Whereas: MTSU uses 76,000 megawatt hours annually, costing \$3,681,895;

Whereas: The vast majority of MTSU's energy is derived from the burning of coal and natural gas, which are fossil fuels;

Whereas: It is recognized that the burning of fossil fuels is harmful to the environment and hazardous to human health;

Whereas: MTSU has the ability to be a clean energy pioneer through purchasing affordable, renewable energy through TVA's Green Power Switch program, obtain a production credit in return for producing clean energy on campus, and participating in energy conservation and efficiency projects.

Whereas: Many competitive schools in the Southeast have joined similar environmental initiatives;

Whereas: MTSU students have shown sufficient, enthusiastic support for this proposal;

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 67TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MTSU THAT:

Section 1: Upon passage in the Senate, the question, stated below, will immediately go before the entire student body in the form of a referendum via PipelineMT, on a date set by the Election Commission of the Student Government Association.

Section 2: If approved by the student body with a majority vote in the elections set by the Election Commission, the SGA will work in accordance with the Students for Environmental Action to support MTSU's investment in renewable energy sources.

Referendum Ballot Question:

Would you be willing to support Middle Tennessee State University increasing its usage

of green power in order to benefit your health and environment by paying a fee not to

exceed \$8 per semester and supporting the students, administration, Tennessee Board of

Regents, and/or state government in their efforts to fund additional support of sustainable

energy uses?

Sponsored by: Senator Jon Campbell

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