

A Resolution on Student Voter Participation

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- Sponsor** Representative of College of Arts and Sciences Cody Mayer
- Co-sponsors** Vice President of ASNMU Connor Loftus, Woods Hall Representative Simon Moesch
- Recognizing,** that youth voter participation in elections is low, and that only fifty percent voted in 2016, and that forty percent of the youth is between the ages of eighteen and twenty-four.
- Noting,** that the demographic of eighteen to twenty-four year olds is the lowest voting demographic and has been for the past fifty-five years.
- Being,** one of the most energetic and passionate demographics, and the future of this country, this data is unacceptable and the youth deserve to have their voices heard.
- Acknowledging,** that it can be difficult and too much of a burden to vote and participate in our democracy for our students with having classes throughout the day and other commitments, such as jobs.
- Therefore,** be it enacted by the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, for the betterment of the students it serves, that the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University formally advocate for helping students in having the opportunity of participating in our democratic elections.

Be it resolved, the Associated Students of Northern Michigan University, to address this issue, declare state and federal elections to be an academic holiday so that students can have the opportunity to vote in our democracy. A copy of this resolution will be sent to Northern Michigan University Board of Trustees, the University President, the Academic Senate, State Representative Sara Cambensy of the 109th district, and other groups it may concern.

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Tristan Ruiz, President

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Sarah Head, Chair of Assembly

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