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STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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**RESOLUTION**

**Senate Resolution No.:** RF09-005

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**Date Introduced:** 10/20/2009

**Introduced By:** Senator Michael Glynne  
Chair, Committee on Legislative Action

**Date Action Taken:** 10/20/2009

**Sponsored:** Michael Glynne  
Chair Glynne

**Certified:** Alan DeEllis  
Speaker of the Senate Ellis

**Signed:** [Signature]  
President Jones

**Resolution Supporting Pure Democracy**

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the principles of a pure democracy,

WHEREAS, Vermont is the last State in the Union to practice this form of pure democracy on Town Meeting Day,

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate approved on October 12, 2009, the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar, which eliminates Town Meeting Day as a day off,

WHEREAS, the elimination of Town Meeting Day deprives the students of the University of Vermont the chance to participate in this rare and pure form of democracy,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association of the University of Vermont supports President Fogel and/or the Board of Trustees in overturning the 2010-2011 Academic Calendar on the grounds that it impedes on students' ability to witness and participate in Vermont Town Meeting Day,



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Student Government Association supports the Faculty Senate, the President of the University, and the Board of Trustees in maintaining the observance of Town Meeting Day in years to come,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the President of the University or the Board of Trustees does not overturn this Academic Calendar, we the Student Government Association, as elected representatives of the Student Body, fully and wholeheartedly support the peaceful protest of this Calendar in defense of Town Meeting Day.