SENATE RESOLUTION #2449

TITLE: ASUW Support for Wyoming State Legislature House Bill 0017

DATE: February 13, 2015

AUTHORS: Senators De Wett & Messer

SPONSORS: Senators Cooley, Maze, Perez, Segrave, Server, & Yang; Salisbury & Austin & Lewis

1. WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) to act in the best interests of the student body in terms of safety and well-being; and,

2. WHEREAS, under current Wyoming law, orders of protection are only issued for victims of stalking and domestic violence; and,

3. WHEREAS, this does not apply to victims of sexual assault; and,

4. WHEREAS, there has been an increase in reported sexual assaults against University of Wyoming students in recent years; and,

5. WHEREAS, victims of sexual assault may have an ongoing feeling that their safety has been compromised; and,

6. WHEREAS, this creates an unwanted and unnecessary distraction to the victim’s learning environment; and,

7. WHEREAS, an order of protection would contribute to the victim’s safety and allow the victim to maintain a more normative learning environment.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Student Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming (ASUW) that the ASUW fully support Wyoming State Legislature House Bill 0017, which adds victims of sexual assault to the list of those eligible to petition
18. for an order of protection; and,

19. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW encourage the Wyoming State
Legislature to pass, and the Governor of the State of Wyoming to sign into law, House Bill
21, 0017; and,

22. THEREFORE, be it further resolved that the ASUW encourages the STOP Violence
Program to educate and assist victims of sexual assault to obtain an order of protection.

Referred to: Student Outreach and Policy

Date of Passage: 03/02/2015 Signed: [Signature]

"Being enacted on 03/04/2015, I do hereby sign my name hereto and
approve this Senate action."

ASUW President