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5 Resolution in Support of Endorsement of the University’s Freedom of
6 Expression Principles

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9 **WHEREAS**, the University promotes and is committed to educational excellence through the
10 free expression and deliberation of diverse ideas, as previously published in its [Statement on](#)
11 [Free Speech](#), and is committed to protecting academic freedom, as reflected in [Regulation 2-15](#);
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14 **WHEREAS**, the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate fully endorses the principles and
15 protections embodied in Regulation 2-15 and the Statement of Free Speech; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, a Working Group on Freedom of Expression, Intellectual Freedom, and Constructive
18 Dialogue at the University of Wyoming was charged on December 5, 2022 by President Ed
19 Seidel to “articulate and refine our principles of freedom of expression and to find practical
20 ways to operationalize respectful discourse on campus”; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the Working Group on Freedom of Expression, Intellectual Freedom, and
23 Constructive Dialogue released its [Report](#) (hereinafter “Freedom of Expression Report”) on June
24 7, 2023, which contains a discussion of Principles; and

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26 **WHEREAS**, the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate believes the Freedom of Expression
27 Report is a first step in developing an ongoing University-wide dialogue on the issues and
28 recommendations contained in the Report; and

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30 **WHEREAS**, the University of Wyoming Faculty Senate supports the continual examination and
31 refinement of the Principles expressed in the Freedom of Expression Report;

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33 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming endorses
34 the Principles expressed in the Freedom of Expression Report insofar as they represent the first
35 phase of an ongoing discussion and fair implementation of Freedom of Expression, Intellectual
36 Freedom, and Constructive Dialogue at the University of Wyoming, provided an ongoing
37 and concerted implementation process follows this first phase, including provisions that ensure
38 that all University students and employees can exercise freedom of expression without fear of
39 retaliation.

AUTHENTICATION: The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 449, as amended, duly adopted
by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of November 27, 2023, is

hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Treva E Sprout Ahrenholtz".

Treva Sprout-Ahrenholtz

Secretary, Faculty Senate

November 28, 2023