West Virginia University
The Student Assembly - Student Government Association
Assembly Resolution: AR-2021-08

AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION TO FUND AND ESTABLISH THE MOUNTAINEER RESILIENCE PROJECT

Short Title:	**Mountaineer Resilience Project**
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Whereas, West Virginia University's Student Government Association is committed to promoting awareness surrounding mental health and enriching experiences on campus to create better mental health experiences; and,

Whereas, WVU students' general welfare has been threatened by unprecedented amounts of stress and fatigue, exacerbated by the challenges facing students during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

Whereas, according to the United States Center of Disease Control (CDC), COVID-19 has caused the deaths of over 637,000 Americans, as well as infected over 39,000,000 Americans[1]; and,

Whereas, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by the United States Congress and signed into law on March 27, 2020; and,

Whereas, the CARES Act allocated $1,250,000,000 billion dollars to the State of West Virginia to be spent at the discretion of the Governor of West Virginia and according to the State Auditor's Office the state has over $579,000,000 in leftover money from the CARES Act[2] [3]; and,

[1] https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#trends_totalcases
[2] https://www.congress.gov/116/bills/hr748/BILLS-116hr748enr.pdf
[3] https://www.theintelligencer.net/news/top-headlines/2021/08/west-virginia-governor-jim-justice-details-new-covid-19-vaccine-incentives/

Whereas, the Student Government Association advocates for the creation of the "Mountaineer Resilience Project" to help students deal with the challenges that they are facing in regards to mental health, as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

Whereas, the Mountaineer Resilience Project would be a collaborative effort between the WVU Administration and the WVU Student Government Association to implement solutions to help students with mental health challenges during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and,

Whereas, the Mountaineer Resilience Project would not only help change the lives of students, but also save the lives of students,

Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:

Section I: The West Virginia Student Government Association urges Governor James C. Justice II to appropriate monies from the CARES Act to fund the Mountaineer Resilience Project.

Section II: If Governor Justice appropriates these funds, the University's Administration will consult the Student Government Association for input on disbursement of the funds.

Section III: Following passage and approval this legislation will be forwarded to:

Mandates:
The Honorable James C. Justice II, Governor of West Virginia
The Honorable John B. McCuskey, Auditor of West Virginia
G. Corey Farris, Dean of Students
Sabrina Cave, Executive Director, Student Enrichment
Dr. Thanh Le, Director, Student Engagement and Leadership (Advisor)
Rob Alsop, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, West Virginia University
Travis Mollohan, Director of Government Relations, West Virginia University
T. Anne Hawkins, Director of West Virginia University Carruth Center
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