A RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY

Title of Resolution: Resolution to Support the Opportunity Scholarship Initiative

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Purpose: To support the Governor’s Opportunity Scholarship to increase access to higher education

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (SGA NMIMT) is the representative body of the undergraduate students; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship is offered to every student who graduates from a New Mexico public or accredited private high school, or received a New Mexico General Education Diploma (GED), and enrolls in a two year or four year public New Mexico college or university in a degree or certificate program within 16 months following high school graduation or receipt of a GED. The scholarship, as of Fall 2019, covers sixty seven percent (67%) of the tuition; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham proposed a mandate to the New Mexico State Legislature for the creation of the Opportunity Scholarship to supplement any portion of tuition and fees not covered by federal grants and mandatory student fees or course fees not covered by the New Mexico Legislative Lottery Scholarship for four (4) years for recent high school graduates and two (2) years for returning adults; and

**WHEREAS,** the New Mexico State Legislature begins their legislative session on Monday January 20, 2020, and lasting thirty (30) days, and can take into consideration and take action to support educating the state’s future workforce and adding to the economic growth of New Mexico; and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED,** that the SGA NMIMT supports Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham’s proposed Opportunity Scholarships and its equitable increase to higher education; and

**NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Michelle Lujan-Grisham, NMIMT President Stephen Wells, the NMIMT Board of Regents, and the New Mexico State Legislature.

Adopted by the SGANMIMT on the \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I hereunto set my hand in affirmation of the adoption of this legislation by the SGA Senate:

SGA President

I hereunto set my hand in witness and certification of the adoption of this resolution by the SGA senate:

SGA Vice President