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Resolution 81-17-R1: Resolution to Support the Amendment of Regularly Scheduled Classes that Interfere with the Solar Eclipse on August 21, 2017.

**PURPOSE:** For the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Murray State University to support faculty excusing the absence of students attending the “Eclipse Watch Party” on Murray State’s campus, support faculty dismissing class to allow students to view the solar eclipse, and support the faculty’s use of the solar eclipse as a unique learning opportunity for students which will further expand educational opportunities.

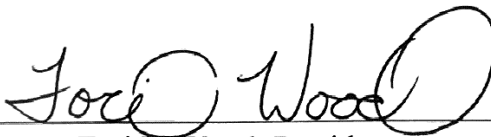
**WHEREAS:** It is very important for our students to engage in the historical phenomenon that last crossed through the nation from the Pacific to the Atlantic in 1918 with totality, and

**WHEREAS:** This opportunity provides an experience that a classroom cannot replicate in a standard setting, and

**WHEREAS:** The faculty have the opportunity to express support for all educational experiences by encouraging students to not only engage in their particular major, but to further their knowledge of the sciences, a notion sustained by the University with required “University Studies” courses.

**THEREFORE:** Be it resolved that the Student Senate of the Student Government Association of Murray State University supports faculty excusing the absence of students attending the “Eclipse Watch Party” on Murray State’s campus, supports faculty dismissing class to allow students to view the solar eclipse, and supports the faculty’s use of the solar eclipse as a unique learning opportunity for students which will further expand educational objectives.

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