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**A Resolution Supporting Expanded Passenger Rail Service on Amtrak's
Cardinal Line**

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- Whereas:** There is currently no convenient regional transit authority that offers Oxford residents or Miami University students public transportation to metropolitan Cincinnati or other Midwest cities.
- Whereas:** Miami University Associated Student Government (ASG) passed a resolution to support the creation of an Oxford Amtrak Station on April 7th, 2015.
- Whereas:** Currently, the Amtrak Cardinal line passes through Oxford, OH from Cincinnati to Chicago three days a week (Monday, Thursday, and Saturday) and from Chicago to Cincinnati three days a week (Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday).
- Whereas:** The Cardinal line arrives in Cincinnati at 1:41 a.m. (eastbound) and 3:17 a.m. (westbound).
- Whereas:** The Cardinal line is the only rail connection between Cincinnati and other regional metropolitan areas.
- Whereas:** All Aboard Ohio, a train advocate group, has been in communication with Amtrak to extend the Cardinal line service to Oxford through Cincinnati.

Whereas: If service is extended to Oxford on the Cardinal line, the times the train would stop at the Oxford Station would be in the early morning hours.

Whereas: Not only would expanded and more frequent service of the Cardinal line benefit Oxford residents and Miami University students, but it would also create ease of access for visitors, alumni, and potential new students.

Whereas: The City of Oxford and Miami University have created a committee to demonstrate the feasibility of Amtrak offering service to Oxford.

Whereas: The Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA) in conjunction with the City of Oxford, Miami University, and the Talawanda School District are applying for a TIGER Grant application to create a multi-modal transportation center that would connect Oxford to other local and regional transportation options, located adjacent to the proposed Oxford Amtrak Station site.

Whereas: On Tuesday, March 29th, 2016 representatives from the Butler County Regional Transit Authority (BCRTA), the City of Oxford, Miami University, the Talawanda School District, and Miami University Associated Student Government (ASG) met with Amtrak officials in Chicago, IL to continue advocating for the proposed Oxford Amtrak stop.

Therefore be it resolved: Miami University Associated Student Government (ASG) supports the increase in the frequency of the Amtrak Cardinal with a stop in the Oxford community.

Further be it resolved: Amtrak should take into account the arrival and departure times for this expansion incorporating students and community member's concerns.