# Resolution, 2/9/17[[1]](#endnote-1)

Faculty at the University of Montana—Missoula condemn President Trump’s January 27 executive order that (1) stops the admission of all refugees to the U.S. for four months, (2) bans entry into the U.S. of anyone coming from seven predominantly Muslim countries, including those who already hold valid US visas, for 90 days, and (3) suspends indefinitely and specifically the admission of all Syrian refugees. UM faculty are disturbed by this action and concerned for the people directly affected by the immigration ban as well as by the climate of racial, ethnic, and religious intolerance and hostility that it fosters.

UM faculty are obligated to promote and protect academic freedom. We therefore strongly condemn this action, which prevents the free movement of scholars and students across international borders. This order infringes on the freedom of individuals wishing to travel to and from the United States to conduct research, collaborate with colleagues, and engage in conferences and conventions. It has and will continue to disrupt the lives of academics who have already completed the complex process for obtaining required authorizations for travel.

This executive order also contradicts the fundamental values of a democracy that, in turn, rest on a foundation of civility, respect, and the rule of law, all of which deter those in power from using power to discriminate.

Finally, given its reported lack of thorough review by the security and diplomatic communities, this ban offends academic values because it does not reflect informed judgments about who presents the most serious threats to our national security. As scholars, we should question significant government actions that officials claim are based on evidence but that appear instead to be purely political decisions lacking legitimate support.

We strongly support protecting the human rights of all people, including our students, staff and faculty at the University of Montana who are impacted, directly or potentially by this executive order.

1. ECOS recognizes and thanks the Faculty Senate of Montana State University for a similar resolution its Senate approved on February 1, 2017. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)