

**APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF  
THE BLACK-EYED SUSAN AS THE OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY FLOWER**

Whereas, environmental and geographical beauty is a hallmark of Appalachian State University and the Appalachian Experience;

Whereas, Appalachian's Landscape Services team exemplifies our institutional commitment to sustainability through its gardening practices and choice of native plant species;

Whereas, the official colors of Appalachian are black and gold;

Whereas, each summer the campus and surrounding landscapes bloom with the gold petals and black center of the perennial wildflower known as Black-eyed Susan;

Whereas, the Black-eyed Susan's colors peak as Appalachian begins its academic year and students embark on new endeavors;

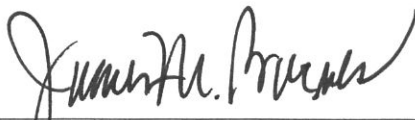
Whereas, Appalachian supports through its research and installation of honeybee hives the health of pollinating insects, who drink nectar from this wildflower and are vital to our eco-system;

Whereas, Appalachian values the ideas of employees and the meaning they find in the place where they live and work;

Whereas, Appalachian celebrates traditions that reflect the best of who we are;

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of Trustees for Appalachian State University, endorse Horticulture Specialist Daniel Burleson's idea to make the Black-eyed Susan the official flower of Appalachian State University and an Appalachian campus tradition.

Approved by the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September.



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James Barnes, Chair  
September 22, 2017