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A RESOLUTION TO: Support the passage of the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2017 introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate
[H.R. 3427](#) / [S. 1701](#)

Recognizing, that scientific discovery and the global sharing of knowledge is essential in the development and creation of new and innovative solutions for the 21st century;

Recognizing, that the deprivation of scholarly articles from those unable to afford subscriptions hinders their ability to contribute to world class research;

Recognizing, that there are over 15 entire academic disciplines where the average price for one journal subscription is over \$1,000 per year¹;

Recognizing, that journal subscription prices have outpaced inflation by over 250% over the past thirty years²;

Whereas, the FASTR Act would require “Federal agencies to develop public access policies relating to research conducted by employees... or from funds administered by that agency³”;

Recognizing, that recent studies conclude that research is cited more often when it is openly accessible on the Web⁴;

Recognizing, that the implementation of the FASTR Act would allow for Grand Valley State University professors and other institutions to utilize the most up-to-date research whilst educating students;

Recognizing, the knowledge of scientific discovery that would become available, brings crucial information to the scholarly and collegiate world;

Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley State University Student Senate supports the passage of the Fair Access to Science and Technology Research Act of 2017 by the Congress of the United States.

¹ Library Journal 2012 Periodicals [Pricing Survey](#)

² [Association of Research Libraries](#)

³ Text of [H.R. 3427](#)

⁴ “How Open Science Helps Researchers Succeed” found at <https://elifesciences.org/articles/16800>