

NDSA-07-1819

## **A Resolution in Support of the North Dakota Skilled Workforce Scholarship Program**

**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of NDSA is to represent all students enrolled in the North Dakota University System (NDUS) and advocate on issues of higher education in support of access, affordability, quality, and the student experience; and,

**WHEREAS**, the workforce shortage in North Dakota is at a critical level, with approximately 15,000 jobs available where 75% of which require less than a four-year degree; and,

**WHEREAS**, HB 1171 and SB 2039 have been submitted in the North Dakota State Legislature to create a Skilled Workforce Scholarship Program to address these workforce shortages; and,

**WHEREAS**, this scholarship would provide supplemental last dollar financial support to students who enter studies related to critical need careers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the proposal to create a skilled workforce scholarship is being considered in the legislature's 66th Assembly; so,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NDSA supports the creation of the Skilled Workforce Scholarship Program and requests the State Legislature to sufficiently fund it.