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## **A Resolution in Support of On-Campus Academic Delivery Method for the Spring Semester in 2021**

**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 COVID-19 pandemic has caused a great disruption in academic delivery, housing arrangements, finances, and other student related issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, all eleven North Dakota University System Institutions (NDUS) have implemented restrictions and policies on campus to help slow the spread of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, learning in a physical environment can often provide stability for students, particularly those with learning impairments; and,

**WHEREAS**, on campus delivery methods can create a stronger social support system for a student; and,

**WHEREAS**, a student's mental health may be improved on campus with a greater social connection and increased access to behavioral health resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, campus living and housing situations provide a safe environment for students to live and access resources necessary for success; and,

**WHEREAS**, the NDSA supports on campus delivery methods for students in order to maintain stability and safety for all NDUS students; so,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports all efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on campuses and measures taken to support students throughout the pandemic; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NDSA's support of such efforts to deliver on campus learning opportunities is dependent upon guidance from the North Dakota Department of Health and local government leaders; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NDSA urges the NDUS, State Board of Higher Education, University leaders, and 67<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly to take actions that support on campus delivery options.

*Approved by the NDSA General Assembly on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.*