



NDSA-17-2021

A Resolution in Support of SB 2232 Recognizing Juneteenth

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, SB 2232, introduced on January 18th, 2021, proposes "recognizing the nineteenth of June of each year" as Juneteenth to "commemorate the ending of slavery in the United States"^[1] and,

WHEREAS, NDSA represents all students in North Dakota Higher Education, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation; and,

WHEREAS, recognizing Juneteenth has the potential to attract a more diverse student population and make North Dakota's Higher Education system more accepting and inclusive for individuals of color; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, NDSA supports SB 2232, relating to officially recognizing Juneteenth as a state holiday within the North Dakota Century Code; and,

BE IT FURTHERST RESOLVED, NDSA continues to promote equal opportunities for all students to be recognized and included.

Approved by the NDSA General Assembly on Saturday, February 20th, 2021.

[1] <https://www.legis.nd.gov/assembly/67-2021/documents/21-0131-03000.pdf>