



NDSA-02-2223

A Resolution in Support of the University of North Dakota's Repatriation Process

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, in March 2022, the University of North Dakota discovered sacred objects and ancestors from Indigenous Communities; and,

WHEREAS, upon the discovery, the University of North Dakota reached out to representatives from different tribal nations to collaborate with them and sought advice on what was needed to be done with these objects and ancestors; and,

WHEREAS, upon media release of these findings in August, the Indigenous Communities, as well as Indigenous students attending NDUS institutions were negatively affected by the news, and,

WHEREAS, over the next several years, the University of North Dakota has committed to returning these sacred objects and ancestors to their respective indigenous communities, as well as hiring an appropriate cultural resource consultant to help with the process, and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports that the University of North Dakota is putting forth their best effort to return these sacred objects and ancestors to their respective communities and tribal nations to right the wrongdoings that were committed in the past; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NDSA supports the University of North Dakota's Repatriation process, and the support given to students that were affected by the discovery of these sacred objects and ancestors at the University of North Dakota.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
October 15th, 2022*