



NDSA-06-2223

A Resolution in Support of the Computer Science Initiative by the NDUS

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 July of 2022, Chancellor Mark Hagerott signed the nationwide initiative "CEOs Computer Science" that provides fundamental digital literacy for students; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative currently targets curriculum in grades K-12 to create opportunities for students to learn computer science skills from a young age; and,

WHEREAS, non-computer science courses are constantly evolving and have started incorporating more computer science skills including but not limited to free smart phone applications, online textbooks, and foundational learning about computer science; and,

WHEREAS, the North Dakota University System is one of only two public systems of higher education in the nation to sign this initiative; and,

WHEREAS, computer science provides an essential foundation for every career in today's world^[1]; and,

WHEREAS, the United States is a leader in technology and computer science skills are important to the future; and

WHEREAS, this initiative provides students more opportunities for success in the future and more background in digital literacy; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA supports and acknowledges the effort put by the NDUS initiative to enhance computer science skills and promote digital literacy throughout North Dakota; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the NDSA encourages the implementation of this initiative into higher education to prepare students for their respective career fields.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, November 5th, 2022*

[1] <https://ndus.edu/2022/07/14/ndus-signs-on-to-nationwide-initiative-on-computer-science/>