



NDSA-13-2223

A Resolution in Support of SB 2149: Creating a Suicide Prevention Hotline

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 North Dakota legislature meets every two years, for up to 80 days, to set North Dakota policies and laws and to appropriate state dollars; and,

WHEREAS, the legislative bill, SB 2149 proposes the creation of a 988-hotline program, which would provide intervention and crisis care coordination to individuals calling the hotline; and,

WHEREAS, a 988 crisis hotline is a state-identified hotline participating in the national suicide prevention lifeline network; and,

WHEREAS, postsecondary students are especially at risk of mental health struggles, and any increase in North Dakota mental health resources is beneficial for college students; and,

WHEREAS, according to a study conducted by the Healthy Mind Network in 2021, 13% of students have had suicidal ideation, 5% have made a suicide plan, and 1% have attempted suicide; and,^[1]

WHEREAS, establishing a suicide prevention hotline would allow easier access to critical resources that students going through mental health issues need, improving and saving their lives; so,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the NDSA General Assembly supports SB 2149.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, January 21st, 2023*

[1]- [College students with suicidal and self-injurious behavior U.S. 2021 | Statista](#)