



NDSA-01-2425

## **A Resolution in Support of the NDSA's Legislative Priorities for the 25-27 Biennium**

**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**, higher education in North Dakota is greatly affected by some of these legislative decisions and can significantly impact all NDUS institutions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the needs of the students of North Dakota change between each legislative biennium; and,

**WHEREAS**, historically, every biennium, the NDSA's General Assembly has developed a list of legislative priorities advocating for and lobbying on the behalf of higher education students in North Dakota; and,

**WHEREAS**, after multiple collaborative discussions in the State Legislative Affairs Committee (SLAC), the SLAC has developed a list that enumerates the primary legislative priorities of the NDSA during the 25-27 biennium; and,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the NDSA General Assembly approves the following as legislative priorities for the 25-27 biennium:

- Protecting the rights and safety of all NDUS students
- Expanding mental health resources on NDUS campuses
- Preserving academic freedom at NDUS institutions
- Incentivizing students to attend NDUS institutions by increasing the affordability of the NDUS through supporting scholarships and grants comparable to others in the region and to workforce needs
- Ensuring NDUS students receive education preparing them to enter workforces in emerging technologies with an emphasis on the North Dakota workforce

***Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly Saturday,  
October 26th, 2024***