

**NDSA-01-2526**

A Resolution in Support of Joining the United State Student Association

¹**WHEREAS**, the North Dakota Student Association (NDSA) represents the voice of North Dakota's 45,000 public college and university students; and,

²**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,

³**WHEREAS**, on May 23rd, 2025, the State Students associations of Arizona, California, Florida, Massachusetts, New York and Washington formed a national student association, the United States Student Association (USSA) passing a charter for the USSA; and,

⁴**WHEREAS**, the mission of the USSA is to act as a federal nonpartisan lobbying student government association and to serve as a voice for the students attending institutions of higher education across the United States, providing a means for civil engagement for students at the federal level; and,

⁵**WHEREAS**, upon passage of the USSA Charter, the USSA created the Interim Governance Council to oversee the operations of the USSA until the adoption of a constitution, with representatives chosen from each respective stakeholder such as state level and institutional level student governments; and,

⁶**WHEREAS**, this mission aligns well with the NDSA's mission of advocating for the students, providing a means for students to be engaged in lobbying efforts at the state level, making sure that students are represented; and,

⁷**WHEREAS**, joining a national student association allows the NDSA to not only advocate for students attending institutions of higher education not only in North Dakota, but also provides a means for the NDSA to more effectively advocate for students in federal policy changes; so,

¹**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the North Dakota Student Association supports becoming a member of the United States Student Association; and,

²**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports the selection of USSA delegates to be chosen by the NDSA President with confirmation of the NDSA General Assembly; and,

³**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the NDSA supports the drafting of relevant Bylaw and Constitution changes describing the responsibilities of the NDSA delegates to the USSA, as well as relevant changes to elect NDSA delegates to the USSA.

*Approved by the North Dakota Student Association General Assembly
Saturday, October 4th, 2025*