



**NDSA-14-1819**

## **A Resolution in Support of a Senior Year Tuition Waiver Program**

**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**, rising student debt is an issue affecting many students throughout North Dakota; and

**WHEREAS**, a year of tuition-free education would be a major pull factor to entice students to attend North Dakota institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, a senior year tuition waiver program would incentivize students to not only graduate, but also graduate more quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, a stipulation that would require graduates to remain in North Dakota for three years following graduation would help the state's economy and higher education as a whole; and

**WHEREAS**, keeping graduates in North Dakota for a required amount of time will make it more likely they will stay in the state long-term; and

**WHEREAS**, this program would benefit students at all types of institutions: two-year institutions, four-year institutions, and research institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal will likely be considered during the legislature's 66th Assembly; so,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that NDSA supports the creation of a Senior Year Tuition Waiver program.