



**NDSA-19-1819**

## **A Resolution Honoring the South Dakota Student Federation**

**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 South Dakota Student Federation (SDSF) is a student-led organization with the central focus of advancing the student interest at the South Dakota Board of Regents and the South Dakota state legislature, impacting the students of South Dakota in meaningful ways; and,

**WHEREAS**, President Melville was introduced to the Executive Director of the SDSF while administrating a conference in Chicago in November 2018; and,

**WHEREAS**, NDSA's 2019-2023 Strategic Plan calls upon NDSA to begin working towards "build[ing] a coalition with other state student associations to advance the common student interest"; and,

**WHEREAS**, members of the NDSA Executive Team attended the SDSF's April 2019 meeting in Spearfish, South Dakota, which served as the two organizations' first formal interaction in which NDSA witnessed the swearing-in of the Student Federation's 2019-2020 Executive Director and Chair; and,

**WHEREAS**, the meeting of these two organizations opened the door for newfound kinship that will hopefully lead to future relations and opportunities for collaboration; so,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, NDSA expresses its sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet the Student Federation's leadership and expresses its gratitude for its continued efforts in making South Dakota a better place for students; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, NDSA invites SDSF leadership to attend a NDSA General Assembly meeting during the 2019-2020 academic year.