Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: American Indian Heritage Month

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Senate was established to among other things, “improve student cultural, social, and physical welfare”, and

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Mission Statement states that the University promotes cultural diversity among its students, staff, and faculty, and

Whereas, University of North Dakota statement on Diversity and Pluralism states that all must be valued for the richness their cultures, heritages, perspectives, and ideas bring to the community; and that of special and particular importance is the University’s longstanding commitment to the education of American Indian students and the cultures and traditions of the American Indian people, and

Whereas, the State of North Dakota is home to five distinct tribal populations and American Indians comprise the largest ethnic minority in the state, and

Whereas, in 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 “National American Indian Heritage Month” and

Whereas, in 2012, North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple proclaimed November 2012 “Native American Heritage Month” and

Whereas, similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including “Native American Heritage Month” and “National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month”) have been issued each year since 1994.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Student Senate of the University of North Dakota acknowledges that November is American Indian Heritage Month and encourages the entire campus community to take part in events that celebrate the unique cultures, heritage, and contributions of American Indians.

Student Body President, Nick Creamer