Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Social Host Ordinance

Whereas, the University of North Dakota Student Senate supports the effort in the Grand Forks community to change the culture surrounding high risk alcohol use, and

Whereas, the new Social Host Ordinance proposed by the Community & Campus Committee to Reduce High-Risk Alcohol Use (CCC) represents a well-intentioned effort to address issues associated with binge drinking in the Grand Forks community, and

Whereas, despite these intentions, serious concerns exist regarding potential implications of the ordinance as it is currently written, related to both unintended consequences and unjust infringement on the rights of students, and

Whereas, the language of the ordinance raises serious concerns about the negative impact that it may have on students, and

Whereas, the authors of the ordinance have specifically and repeatedly stated, including to this body, that the intention of the ordinance is not to target college students, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate stands firmly opposed to the Social Host Ordinance being considered by the Grand Forks City Council as it is currently written, and

Therefore, be it furthest resolved, that the University of North Dakota Student Senate will not support the Social Host Ordinance unless amendments comparable to the following are made:

1. The addition of a Medical Amnesty provision, offering immunity from prosecution under the ordinance in a manner similar to that found in ND Century Code section 5-01-08-6 which reads: "An individual under twenty-one years of age is immune from
criminal prosecution under this section if that individual contacted law enforcement or emergency medical services and reported that another individual under twenty-one years of age was in need of medical assistance due to alcohol consumption, provided assistance to the individual in need of medical assistance until assistance arrived and remained on the scene, or was the individual in need of medical assistance and cooperated with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel on the scene. The maximum number of individuals that may be immune for any one occurrence is five individuals" and expanding this provision to also apply to individuals over the age of 21

2. The striking of "or allow" from section 3.A

3. The striking of section 3.B in its entirety

Tanner Franklin, Student Body President