Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota
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Date: 8/30/15
Re: Resolution in Support of Reinstating “North Dakota” as an option for the UND Nickname Search

Whereas, the most basic responsibility of any sort of government is to represent their constituents, and

Whereas, according to the University of North Dakota (UND) Student Government Constitution the purpose of the Student Senate is, “to represent and investigate all matters and concerns relevant to the student interest” as well as “to serve as a liaison between the student body... and administration,” and

Whereas, the recent development in the UND nickname search process has prompted a great amount of student interest, and

Whereas, polls conducted by UND Student Government (68.27%) and the Grand Forks Herald (71%) have demonstrated an overwhelming preference for the “North Dakota” nickname option, and

Whereas, the best way to represent the student interest in regards to the nickname is to support the inclusion of the “North Dakota” nickname in the final voting process, and

Whereas, this would only add “North Dakota” as a voting option and would not eliminate any of the other options recommended to President Kelley by the UND Nickname Committee, and

Therefore, be it resolved that the University of North Dakota Student Senate supports reinstating the “North Dakota” nickname into consideration for the final UND nickname voting process.

Matthew Kopp, Student Body President