Senate Resolution

To: The Student Senate of the University of North Dakota

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Re: Supporting Mental Health Awareness Week

Whereas, national mental health awareness week falls on October 1st through the 7th, and

2 Whereas, college students have an increased risk for anxiety, depression, suicidal behavior, and other mental health impairments, and

4 Whereas, the UND Student Government supports our students’ success and thus advocates for meaningful mental health support, and

6 Whereas, mental health awareness week allows us to advocate for ending the stigma around mental health disorders.

8 Therefore, be it moved that UND Student Government fully supports mental health awareness week, and

10 Therefore, be it further moved that senators, exec members, and members of the judicial branch support mental health awareness week in ways that they feel are meaningful,

12 Therefore, be it furthest moved that the UND Student Government advocates for an increased focus on supporting students and their mental health needs.

Cole Bachmeier, Student Body President